

FORECAST—Moderate to fresh winds shifting to easterly, fair and cool. Saturday, fresh south winds, cloudy and milder with mist.
Sunshine yesterday, 4 hours 42 minutes.

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Dec. 22	10:40	8:10	Dec. 23	11:11
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24	11:46	8:10		

Sun sets, 4:20; rises Saturday, 8:04.

PRICE FIVE CENTS

Final Bulletins

PLANE MISSING IN MEDITERRANEAN

LONDON (CP)—An Imperial Airways plane is missing over the Mediterranean with a crew of five, including a Canadian pilot and five passengers, it was announced today.

Pilot Peter C. Fair of Kingston, Ont., was in charge of the airliner. His mother, Mrs. E. M. Fair, lives at Marion, Pa.

The plane has not been reported since it took off from Solim, 300 miles west of Alexandria, Egypt, for Malta.

A British warship is leading the search for it.

Ss. Tacoma Guarded

MONTEVIDEO (AP)—The Uruguayan government placed armed guards aboard the German merchantman Tacoma this afternoon and detained her in the inner harbor.

(The Tacoma helped remove the crew of the German pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee just before she was destroyed off Montevideo last Sunday.)

Informed sources said the Uruguayan government's action was taken because of fear Uruguayan rejection of German protests over the Graf Spee's treatment at Montevideo might provoke reaction aboard the Tacoma, which is facing internment.

Pamphlet Fine

CALGARY (CP)—John Dewever, convicted of distributing pamphlets likely to cause disaffection among His Majesty's forces, was sentenced to a fine of \$150 and costs or three months in jail with hard labor by Magistrate D. C. Sinclair in police court here today.

Halifax Trial in Camera

HALIFAX (CP)—Newsman and the public were excluded from the preliminary hearing of Allan Findlay, law school lecturer and former Rhodes scholar, charged with attempting to communicate information about military, naval or air force movements in the Halifax district, less than an hour after the hearing got under way today.

The court was ordered cleared by Magistrate R. E. Inglis on motion of J. Gordon Fogo, counsel for the prosecution. Just before the magistrate had remarked: "It seems to me that the presence of the public is hampering proceedings."

A question by defence counsel Lovett to Lieut.-Commander Morris Gauvreau, in charge of naval intelligence in October, led to the decision to clear the court.

Mr. Lovett had asked the naval officer, when a seaplane base had been established near Halifax, the witness replied he didn't "think an answer would be advisable."

There was no indication whether reporters would be allowed to re-enter later in the hearing.

The motion for exclusion of the public was made under a section of the Defence of Canada regulations which gives a magistrate power to clear a courtroom if it is felt the evidence submitted might be of benefit to the enemy.

DEFENDANT SMILES

When he appeared today, Findlay was smiling and looking carefree. He had been out on \$5,000 bail.

He was accused by Royal Canadian Mounted Police of attempting to forward military and naval information to Bodil Kulniff of Copenhagen.

Findlay was represented by L. A. Lovett, K.C., and A. Gordon Cooper, both of Halifax.

Crown Counsel Fogo asked the original information be amended, the spelling of the name "Kulniff" changed to "Kierluff."

He also asked these words be added to the information: "And other information which might be, directly or indirectly, useful to the enemy."

Mr. Lovett asked if there had been any special notice published regarding the Defence of Canada regulations, other than in the Canada Gazette.

Mr. Fogo said to his knowledge there had been none, up to the time when the charge was laid.

Mr. Fogo produced a letter as evidence. With reference to the letter, he said he understood the defence admitted authorship and posting on October 29, 1939, at Halifax.

Mr. Lovett said that this was

MOST OF PRAIRIES STILL SEE NO SNOW

WINNIPEG (CP)—With Christmas only three days away, the weatherman made a last-minute attempt today to coax snow to the prairies. Forecasters believe the "snow drought" will end during the Yuletide week-end.

Bare ground has prevented use of sleighs in many areas. Temperatures dropped a little lower in many areas, giving the air a seasonable tang.

Steady snowfall in the Edmonton area brought promise of a white holiday week-end to that district as it remained moderately cold.

Snow has already fallen in northern Saskatchewan, but southern parts of all three prairie provinces are bare.

Northwestern Ontario remains fair and moderately cold, with occasional snow flurries predicted.

Fokker Sinking

NEW YORK (AP)—Anthony H. G. Fokker, airplane designer and manufacturer, who is critically ill of pneumococcus meningitis, was unconscious this afternoon, his physician said.

He has been "losing ground" for a week, said the physician, Dr. Robert M. Cushing.

4 Planes Downed

LONDON (AP)—Exchange Telegraph News Agency in a dispatch from France late today reported two British and two German warplanes were shot down in a dog fight near the Maginot Line.

The dispatch said three British planes engaged four Germans.

Christmas Carols Through the Ages

the case, and asked that only such parts of the letter as had bearing on the case be given publicity.

Mr. Fogo said this would be "quite agreeable."

The first witness, Lieut.-Commander Morris Gauvreau, testified regarding movement of convoys to and from Halifax during October, said that on October 29 there were six warships in Halifax harbor.

He gave details of where they were docked in the harbor.

Under questioning, Commander Gauvreau said there had been no convoy on October 29, but there had been one from Halifax on the Wednesday previous.

He said information on the position of warships in the harbor would be useful to the enemy.

Magistrate Inglis agreed that on the evidence so far, "we're getting into dangerous territory."

After lasting for two and a half hours, the hearing was adjourned until tomorrow.

Christmas Carols

Through the Ages



SILENT NIGHT

"Silent night, holy night,
All is calm, all is bright,<
Round yon Virgin Mother
and Child,
Holy Infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace."

If mice hadn't nibbled at the bellows of the organ in Josef Mohr's little church high in the Bavarian mountains, this immortal carol might never have been written. The peaceful stillness following a wintry blizzard on the night before Christmas, 1818, inspired the Oberndorf minister to pen the words. The music was composed and harmonized hurriedly by his organist, Franz Gruber, because the organ had broken down and there was only the choir to render Christmas music.

1 Shopping Day Till Christmas

Finns Pursue Russians in North

Canadian Troops In Britain Start Christmas Leave

By GILLIS PURCELL

ALDERSHOT, England (CP)—Canada's volunteer army in training shook itself from damp and cold blankets on England's coldest day of the year today and prepared to spend Christmas in camp and enjoy leaves with relatives and friends.

Some of the soldiers not accustomed to the weather went to bed with socks and underwear on as the temperature went to 29 degrees, the coldest since December 28, 1938.

The envy of the whole contingent as Christmas decorations were hung up and talk centred on plum pudding and turkey were the troops billeted in three barracks newly built on the spider principle, with central heating and hot water.

FIVE DAYS' LEAVE

Thousands of Canadians started off on five-day leaves at noon. Of these a quarter headed to London and the rest to various parts of the British Isles. Trains were packed on the 90-minute Aldershot-London run with troops, including British soldiers, burdened down with kits and tin hats, and singing, shouting and playing mouth organs and an occasional bagpipe. The average compartment for six was jammed with a dozen.

In addition leaves were granted at least a couple of hundred soldiers accepting invitations to spend Christmas in nearby homes. Captain James Lister, deputy assistant quartermaster-general, said the invitations were from families varying from those of generals and admirals to those of men who fought in the ranks in the last war.

James A. Wattie Died Early Today

James Alexander Wattie, well-known resident and philanthropist, died early this morning at his residence, 3125 Beach Drive, Uplands, after a long illness. Funeral services will be conducted by Rev. Hugh McLeod at the residence on Sunday afternoon at 2 and the remains will be laid at rest in Royal Oak Burial Park.

Mr. Wattie was born in Valleyfield, Quebec, on April 22, 1866. He was a son of James Wattie, a pioneer of the Cariboo gold rush and partner of "Cariboo" Cameron.

Mr. Wattie entered Molson's Bank as a boy. Later he joined the office staff of the Sun Life Assurance Company, and in 1897 went to China to become their agent in Shanghai. Later he organized the China Mutual Life Assurance Co., which was subsequently absorbed by the Sun Life.

While in the Orient, Mr. Wattie engaged in the brokerage business and was actively identified with rubber interests in Shanghai and the Federated Malay States under the name of J. A. Wattie and Co. Ltd., with offices in London, Shanghai and Sourabaya.

In 1913 he retired and went to live in Surrey, England, and in 1931, at the suggestion of W. A. McAdam, acting Agent-General for British Columbia, came to Victoria and was so impressed by its beauty that he decided to make his home here. For a time he resided in the Bullen home on St. Charles Street, before buying his home on Beach Drive.

Mr. Wattie was a genial host and had a wide circle of friends, but none will mourn his death more sincerely than the underprivileged and the children. A generous supporter of charitable organizations, he also took a keen delight in entertaining youngsters and at Halloween and Christmas hundreds of boys and girls made their way to his door, where he distributed largesse with generous prodigality.

He is survived by one son, Ronald P. Wattie, and a grandchild in Victoria; one daughter, Mrs. Perry, and two grandchildren at Elstead, Surrey, England; a brother in Worcester, Mass., and a sister in Valleyfield. Funeral arrangements are in the hands of Hayward's B.C. Funeral Company.

Victoria Turns On Its Christmas Lights



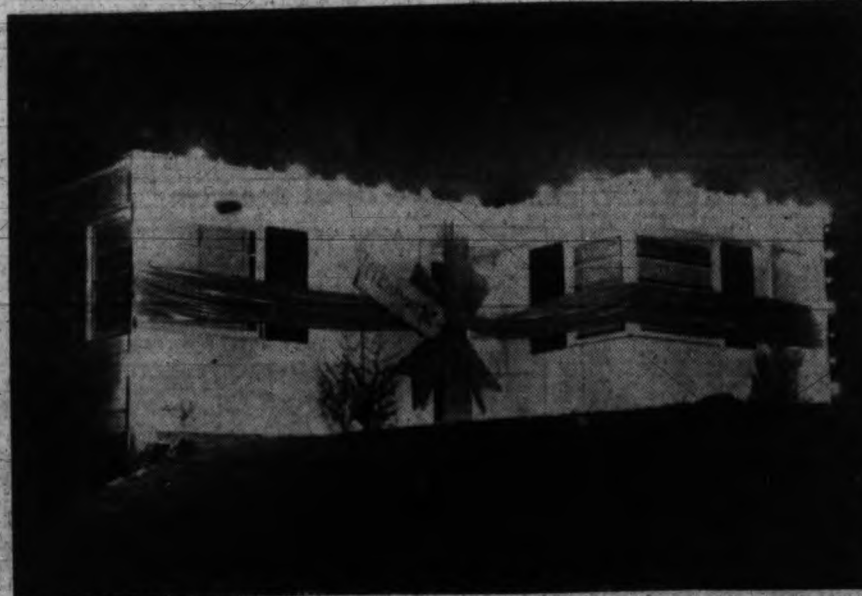
Harold Ensor, 267 Beechwood Avenue, winner of first prize in Junior Chamber of Commerce decorative lighting competition.



Kenneth Reid, 1336 Carnes w Street, second prize.



Togo Takahashi, 42 Gorge Road, third prize.



Archie W. Smith, 3392 Connorton Lane, first prize in Saanich.

Many Invaders Perish in Retreat Near Petsamo

HELSINGFORS (AP)—The Finnish counter-offensive in the Far North against retreating Russian forces was reported to night to have reached the region of the Canadian-owned nickel mines with heavy fighting in progress.

An army communique said heavy explosions were heard from the nickel mines, which the Finns themselves had dynamited when they withdrew earlier in the campaign before the Russian drive southward was turned.

It reported repulse of attacking Russian forces with heavy losses at half a dozen points along the southeastern and eastern fronts. In intensive action yesterday on the vital Karelian Isthmus the Finns reported destroying seven Russian tanks.

The communique declared that "our success continues" on the Salla sector, where for the past three days Finnish forces have been driving back the Russian column which was making the main thrust westward across Finland's narrowest part just above the Arctic Circle.

Finnish anti-aircraft batteries shot down one of seven Russian aircraft which dropped 20 to 30 bombs in the Helsingfors area in the fourth successive day of Russian raids.

Numerous villages around Helsingfors were attacked by the raiders, who ranged as far as Tammsaari, 555 miles southwest of the capital.

No casualties were reported and the damage apparently was not extensive. Before the air attack on the Helsingfors area, the Russian planes came in a snowstorm and dropped pamphlets on the capital, many of them drifting toward the sea.

The Finns fired anti-aircraft guns and even some rifles at the raiding planes, but there evidently were no hits.

Earlier reports today told how Arctic fighters pursued retreating Russian forces in Finland's narrow corridor in the Far North, in the Petsamo region, and how the Finns harried them.

An official said the Finns had destroyed 250 tanks on all fronts since the beginning of hostilities. The Russians used 1,000 tanks on the Karelian Isthmus, he said.

He said the defence troops found clubs one of the best weapons against the tanks. They rushed the mechanical monsters, smashed the protruding machine

guns with heavy clubs and then tossed in hand grenades.

RAPID RETREAT

COPENHAGEN (AP)—Reports from Norwegian border points today described the Russian retreat in Arctic Finland as approaching the magnitude of a "catastrophe."

Watchers on the frontier said the southernmost Russian Arctic forces now were in the vicinity of Salmijaervi, a point they were reported to have passed in their southward advance of the past week before the movement reversed.

The Arctic highway at that point swings eastward, and other reports said the main direction of the Russian retreat also was eastward—toward the port of Kola, Russia, instead of northward toward the Finnish port of Petsamo.

Soviet transport ships, previously stationed at Petsamo when the Arctic push began more than three weeks ago, were said now to have departed.

The weather was calm and clear, but the extreme cold continued. Retreating troops observed from the frontier seemed to be trying to keep warm. Motorized troops rode in lorries for a short distance, then jumped off and ran for a while for warmth.

It was considered significant that no southward moving supply trucks had been observed in the last two days, nor any other indication of food or munitions arriving from the north.

Inhabitants who were familiar with the bitter cold of this region said they believed thousands of Russians had perished.

The dispatches from the Salmijaervi nickel mining region said a large scale Red Army retreat was under way, but whether this was a tactical move or indicated a military triumph for the hard-fighting Finns was uncertain.

RED LEADER OUSTED

MOSCOW (AP)—Unofficial reports circulated in Moscow tonight that the Soviet commander-in-chief of the Leningrad military district, who was directing the campaign against Finland, had been dismissed from his post.

According to these reports, he was summoned to the Kremlin two days ago and asked for an explanation of his lack of success. He was reportedly blamed for trying to secure too quick a victory over the Finns without adequate preparation.

War Tax Revenue Above Estimates

By NORMAN MacLEOD

OTTAWA—So far as the federal treasury is concerned, the financial picture of the war so far has been the source of considerable governmental satisfaction. This has been due to the unexpected productivity of the special war taxes enacted at the special session of Parliament.

At the time, it was estimated that the new taxes would yield some \$21,000,000 for the period from their imposition to the end of the fiscal year—March 31, next. By the end of this month, however, their yield, according to treasury sources, will cross the \$20,000,000 and the total now anticipated by the end of the fiscal year is \$35,000,000.

With the additional sources of taxation tapped at the special session yielding new revenue at the rate of upwards of \$60,000,000 per year, there is still the possibility that recourse may not be had at the coming session of Parliament to any increase in the rate of personal income tax through lowering existing exemptions, but policy undoubtedly is under consideration. At present the individual, even although he may pay no income tax, contributes to the federal treasury through such imposts as alcoholic beverages, tea, coffee, soft drinks, cigarettes and tobacco.

B.C. COMBATS U.S. ANTI-TOURIST MOVE

The British Columbia government travel bureau is taking special steps to offset propaganda in the United States which apparently is designed to hinder tourist traffic to Canada next year.

Major Gordon-Smith, director of the bureau, announced today that the bureau shortly will issue a pamphlet directed to Americans which will explain that there are no restrictions on the entry into Canada, and that actually they will benefit by the 10 per cent exchange rate if they have their holidays in Canada next year.

Major Smith said Dominion tourist officials have information that propaganda is being circulated in the United States, apparently by foreign agents, suggesting that if Americans come to Canada in wartime their cars may be confiscated, and men may be conscripted.

"The suggestion is that such propaganda is being put out by enemy agents who want to halt what we think will be one of the biggest tourist years," Major Smith said. "That is why we are putting out the special pamphlet telling Americans exactly what the situation is. There are absolutely no bars to their entry and we are just as glad to have them in the war year as in any other year. We are pointing out that, due to the exchange, their tenth day is free."

Major Smith said that since much of the travel that ordinarily goes to Europe will be diverted next year, British Columbia, with the rest of Canada, can expect a banner tourist year.

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Nazi Warplanes Driven From Forth
LONDON (AP) — The air ministry announced today that German air raiders had appeared over the Forth of Forth in Scotland this morning and had been driven off by British fighting craft after a battle in which one German plane disappeared in a dive.

The Forth of Forth, on which the city of Edinburgh and the Rosyth naval base are situated, has been the objective of German raiders several times during the war.

A communique, issued orally, omitted the number of planes engaged today, and did not say whether bombs were dropped.

It stated that British fighters made contact with an enemy aircraft, identified as a Heinkel 3, at considerable height. The German twice attacked before disappearing in a dive through clouds at a lower level.

Earlier in the day an unidentified plane was fired on by British anti-aircraft guns over the Suffolk coast. No raid warning was given for that flight.

The North American wolf is gradually being shoved back to wilder country, says Stanley P. Young in "American Forests," but the coyote holds his own.

2 Killed in Paris Bridge Collapse

PARIS (AP) — Two persons are known to have been killed and at least three seriously injured today when the St. Louis Bridge behind the Cathedral of Notre Dame collapsed after a heavy barge had knocked out its central arch.

The first report was that the accident was caused by a gas main explosion.

Police said fire broke out aboard a barge carrying gasoline after the collapse.

The number of victims, police said, was uncertain since the mass of the bridge and numerous automobiles were below the surface.

The bridge connected the Ile St. Louis and the Ile de la Cite just behind Notre Dame.

Police estimated there were at least 20 persons on the bridge at the time of the accident. Seven were taken from the river; five were resuscitated, but two were dead.

The steel barge Tunisie, which caused the accident, was carried 500 yards downstream before her crew regained control. The captain was hurt seriously.

Himmler Sees Duce

ROME (CP-Havas) — Heinrich Himmler, chief of German police, left for Berlin today after a three-day visit during which he talked with Premier Mussolini.

Il Duce today called the Italian cabinet into session for January 20, when the 1940-41 budget will be brought under review.

WINNIPEG WOMAN KILLED

WINNIPEG (CP) — Mrs. Adelaide La Douche, 82, was almost instantly killed last night when struck by an automobile while crossing a street.

No Premature Attack — Daladier

PARIS (AP) — The French four 35,000-ton battleships are being rushed to completion, Premier Daladier told the Chamber of Deputies today. Each of these vessels, all laid down since October, 1935, will carry eight 15-inch guns.

On work being carried out on border fortifications, M. Daladier said: "For several months all our armies have been at work. Whenever they are not fighting they are laying concrete. They are creating second and third lines of fortifications."

The Premier, informing the Chamber of the deaths in France's army, navy and air force in the first three months of the war totaled 1,438, contrasted them with the situation in December, 1914, when France had already counted 450,000 dead, had lost the battles of the frontiers, won the Battle of the Marne and fought with 10 French departments under German occupation.

"We still think the situation of December, 1939, is preferable to that of December, 1914," he said. "The government remains hostile to premature offensives or partial assaults on the frontiers. We are still in the first months. We shall continue with the same methods, and with reason."

Earthquake Wreck Celebes Houses

BATAVIA, Java (AP) — Strong earthquake shocks today wrecked 108 houses and demolished a bridge in the province of Menado, in the north part of Celebes Island. Several persons were injured slightly. The shocks occurred about 5 a.m. (about 1:30 p.m., P.S.T., Thursday).

Tells of Taking Girl's Statement

The dramatic scene in a hospital room at the King's Daughters' Hospital, Duncan, on December 10, when Chiyeo Nagano, 17-year-old Japanese girl, gave to police and hospital officials a declaration in which she accused Wallis Parnell Johnson, former auto salesman, of taking her to a Victoria house where it is alleged she was illegally operated upon, was retold for the second time in the City Police Court this morning.

Details of the scene were given by Stipendiary Magistrate G. A. Tisdall of Duncan, who took the deposition from the girl and wrote the answers to her questions in the statement which comprises principal evidence against Johnson and Mrs. Helen A. Anderson held on murder charges.

Mrs. Anderson and Johnson were both committed for trial as preliminary hearings were completed before Magistrate Hall this morning.

Witnesses called today were: Magistrate Tisdall, Constable David Shand, B.C. Police, Duncan; J. Y. Copeman, solicitor for the hospital; Nurse Charlotte Flick and Yoshi Tamura, Japanese interpreter, all of whom were present when the girl's statement was made. In the Johnson case James H. Beatty, handwriting expert, was also called.

Magistrate Tisdall described to the court how the girl lay in her bed answering questions put to her by Dr. W. Bisset, her attending physician, while he wrote the answers.

"I know I am not going to get better, I am going to die," the statement started. It told how she had at first lied about the man who was responsible for her condition. She said Johnson had brought her medicine which had not helped her, then he had taken her to a house in Victoria where she was told to go in alone. She accused Johnson of being the father of her child.

A note found in the girl's purse after she died and a statement in writing given B.C. Police by Johnson were compared by Mr. Beatty who testified they were in the same handwriting. The last part of the note read:

"I hope the doctor tumbles to what is wrong before you get too sick. I am sure worried. I do want to help you all I can."

Criticism of circumstances under which the statement was taken was voiced by Stuart Henderson, defence counsel for Mrs. Anderson, at the conclusion of the hearing. While not wishing to reflect on any of the individuals involved Mr. Henderson said: "The set-up was such as anyone who knew how a declaration of that kind should be made would not make. He claimed the statement was prepared in advance by the girl and was not one in which the material written down was given by her on the spur of the moment. There was nothing in evidence other than the address given in Johnson's statement to police which linked Mrs. Anderson with the offence, Mr. Henderson submitted.

H. W. Davey appeared for Johnson. C. L. Harrison conducted the prosecution.

\$50,000,000 War Orders Awarded B.C. Says McGeer

VANCOUVER (CP) — G. G. McGeer, Liberal member of Parliament for Vancouver-Burrard and former Vancouver mayor, said today British Columbia has received approximately \$50,000,000 in war orders before and since the outbreak of war and added "Vancouver has no justification for feeling itself discriminated against."

At the same time, he attacked charges by Mayor Lyle Telford that the port of Vancouver has been discriminated against in the matter of grain shipments. Although Vancouver was competing with long established eastern interests, he said, its shipments in the 1938-1939 crop year were 31 per cent of the total Canadian shipments compared with an average of 29 per cent over the previous 10 years.

Mr. McGeer's remarks were made at a meeting called by the city council to enlist the aid of Vancouver and district members of Parliament in obtaining more grain shipments and aircraft orders for the city.

W. C. Woodward, Vancouver member of Canada's war purchasing board, attended the meeting.

Before the member of Parliament addressed the gathering, Alderman H. D. Wilson and Trades Union officials complained of the idleness of Vancouver's only aircraft plant, Boeing Aircraft of Canada Limited. They said skilled craftsmen formerly employed by the plant were moving east to secure jobs in other aircraft factories.

TO BUILD SHIPS

Mr. McGeer then implied that shipbuilding, rather than aircraft manufacturing, would be the feature of wartime activity in Vancouver.

"We are moving today with greater speed than in the last war to place orders for ships," he said. "The specifications of 30 vessels of specialized design were received a week ago by British Columbia firms. Tenders are now being prepared."

In addition to this, he listed the following orders which have been placed with British Columbia firms:

Some 300,000,000 feet of lumber, valued at \$5,500,000, has been purchased for the United Kingdom.

The entire 1940 output of British Columbia's lead and zinc mines has been ordered by the British government at a cost of \$19,600,000.

The entire salmon pack for the year, with an estimated value of \$10,000,000, has been disposed of in Allied sources through arrangements made by government agencies.

Structural steel work for airports, secured by a Vancouver firm (Hamilton Bridge Western Limited), amounts to \$124,000.

Expenditures on a Vancouver Island air base, past and present, total \$2,500,000.

Other coast defence work is costing about \$5,500,000.

The Empire air training scheme, with its plans for 67 training centres in the Dominion, may be expected to use at least 200,000,000 feet of British Columbia lumber, valued at \$4,000,000.

"These orders," he continued, "do not account for the large orders British Columbia has received, and is executing, for uniforms, clothing of all sorts, woollen goods, blankets, boots and other articles, amounting to additional hundreds of thousands of dollars."

In addition, he said, "there are other extensive orders which for military reasons cannot be disclosed at present. But these will run into several millions."

"A number of plants in British Columbia are now producing to the limit of their capacity," he said. "They have orders from Ottawa that are not based on any set quantity, but on capacity, until further notice."

"If the war unfortunately lasts as long as 3½ years, as suggested, we will be in it to the maximum

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German Leaders Lie on Principle

NEW YORK (CP) — The New York Times, frequently critical of German propaganda, criticized the Reich again today for what it termed "stupid lying" in its official reports to the people on the scuttling of the pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee at Montevideo.

"Lying doesn't always pay," the newspaper said editorially. "There are times when it is expedient to tell the truth. But German officialdom now apparently lies on principle, no matter how much it stands to lose by adhering to the principle. The Graf Spee affair is the latest and most brilliant example."

Recalling the German radio announced the Graf Spee, after a crippling battle with three light British cruisers, merely had gone to Montevideo to replenish, that "no visible traces of the engagement" were to be seen and that the "British ships were forced to seek safety in a neutral harbor," The Times said:

"The German public's bewilderment must have risen to complete incredulity when it learned that the crew of the practically unsunked Graf Spee, which had driven its enemies into neutral harbor, calmly took the proud ship out and under direct order from Adolf Hitler sank it themselves."

"It will be a long time before the reverberations from that explosion (when the Graf Spee was blown up) die down. They must have shaken the confidence of many Germans in the invulnerability of their arms and the judgment of their leaders. They must certainly have shaken the confidence of the whole German public in the veracity of the official war report."

"The lies not only proved useless. They must further undermine the confidence of neutrals and Germans alike in any subsequent war report from Berlin."

German Fleet Reported at Sea

PARIS (CP-Havas) — It was reported authoritatively here today the German war fleet has left Hamburg, a part heading for the North Sea and another section for the Baltic.

French sources attributed the movement to the purpose of bringing pressure to bear on the neutral states, bordering Germany, which Nazi newspapers have been urging to form an anti-British bloc.

It was believed here the reported fleet movement was specifically a warning to the Scandinavian countries in connection with the organization of aid for Finland.

Sweden has sent volunteers to Finland, and today Premier Daladier announced in the Chamber of Deputies that France had started its material help of Finland and is prepared to strengthen it.

All material bound for Finland would have to pass through Scandinavia.

"Let me say to you," Premier Daladier told the Chamber in Paris today, "that the same evening the League of Nations pronounced its condemnation of Russia's attack on Finland we,

Walked 5 Days In Bare Feet

ZEBALLOS (CP) — Hugh Skinner, young Vancouver fisherman, today told of walking for five days in his bare feet over the rocky shore of Quatsino Sound after the fish packer Great Northern V was wrecked on the west coast of Vancouver Island.

Ted Barnard, engineer of the fishpacker, was washed overboard and apparently drowned when the vessel struck the rocks, the youth said, while he and his father, Capt. George Skinner, managed to reach shore safely.

The youth stayed with his father for two days before leaving in search of aid for the older man who was becoming weak from exposure and hunger.

Young Skinner said he hiked for five days in his bare feet without food, obtaining water by sucking moss before being sighted yesterday by Pilot Don Lawson, in a search plane.

Pilot Lawson flew to Winter Harbor, about 15 miles from where he sighted Skinner, and sent a motor launch back to rescue the youth.

On arriving at the scene the launch was unable to reach shore because of high waves and dangerous rocks. Constable Nels Winegard of the B.C. Police and Mickey Nicholson, both of Zeballos, rescued the youth in a small rowboat.

Skinner will be taken to Vancouver by airplane today for hospital treatment for his injured feet.

The youth said the Greath Northern V, owned by Francis Miller and Co. Limited of Vancouver, lost its rudder December 11 while en route up the west coast towing a scow.

They drifted in storm-swept seas for three days before being driven on the rocks at Lawn Point, just south of the entrance to Quatsino Sound, about 9 p.m., December 14. Quatsino Sound is about 60 miles north of here.

British Columbia Police will send a motor launch from Port Alice, about 25 miles from the scene of the wreck, to search for Capt. Skinner.

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In the framework of the covenant, carried out our entire duty. He added that it was "in a measure which is not inconsiderable."

On Tuesday the Allied Supreme War Council, meeting for three hours at the French war ministry, was reported to have decided to give Finland all the moral and material aid possible without weakening the Allies' front against Germany.

Missing Alaska Airplane Found

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Radio reports today said Pilot Jack Jefford had found the missing Nome-Fairbanks plane last night and dropped food and other emergency supplies to aid his sister-in-law, Mrs. William Jefford, her tiny baby son, and the two men members of the stranded party.

The plane, flown by Pilot Fred Chambers, was forced down in wintry weather Tuesday near Nulato when an oil line broke. Pilot Chambers radioed his plight but a dog-team rescue party was unable to locate him. The other passenger was James Walsh.

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70 Germans Die In Train Wreck

BERLIN (AP) — Two passenger trains crowded with Christmas travelers collided in the station at Genthin today, killing 70 persons and injuring 100, German authorities estimated.

The wreck occurred when the Berlin-Neukirchen (Saar) express, traveling at top speed, ploughed into the Berlin-Cologne train, making an unscheduled halt, about 1 a.m. (4 p.m. Wednesday, P.S.T.).

The locomotive and six cars of one train and four cars of the other were derailed.

The wreck raised the casualty toll to 193 dead and more than 158 injured in eight rail disasters since the war began.

65,000-ton Warships Proposed for U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — A congressional subcommittee is exploring the advisability of giving the United States navy 65,000-ton battleships, bigger and more powerful than any now afloat.

The House of Representatives naval appropriations subcommittee has asked the navy department to prepare estimates on the cost of such ships, which would be about 20,000 tons more than the British battleship Hood, largest in existence.

Representative Melvin Maas, senior minority member of the house naval committee, recommended battleships up to 80,000 in size. The Minnesota Republican asserted they would be cheaper in the long run and would make the United States "absolutely invulnerable."

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NAZIS REFUSE LEAVE TO NIEMOELLER

BERLIN (AP)—Rev. Martin Niemöller, celebrated Lutheran pastor long in a concentration camp, has been unable to obtain a few days' freedom to attend the golden wedding anniversary of his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Johann Heinrich Niemöller.

Even though naval officers offered to take turns in the Sachsenhausen concentration camp as hostages for his safe return, Niemöller, who served in the World War as a submarine commander, failed to get leave.

The aged Niemöller couple are spending their declining years in Elberfeld, where Niemöller Sr. had been a Lutheran for a long period until his retirement several years ago.

As late as September, 1933, Niemöller Jr. said of his father in an interview: "My father, who with his 73 years, is still an active minister, always has been the model to whom I have looked up."

As his parents' golden wedding approached, a number of noted Germans urged that the son be given three days' furlough to attend the quiet celebration in Elberfeld and see his parents, his four brothers and sisters and his wife and children.

These notables pointed out that in the expressed opinion of the court, which in 1937 found him guilty of a technical violation of some decree issued by the church ministry, Niemöller had committed nothing that in any way reflected on his honor as an officer and as a public official.

They contended his word of honor to return to Sachsenhausen after three days, therefore, could be accepted implicitly and, for added measure, navy officers were willing to have themselves detained as hostages for his prompt return.

The proposal fell on deaf ears. The golden wedding occurred, and Niemöller stayed in concentration camp.

PLANES OVERCOME ICY CARBURETORS

By LEONARD H. ENGEL

WITH THE R.A.F. ON THE WESTERN FRONT, France—When you read in newspapers accounts of Royal Air Force flights hampered by ice, you can read into them the fact that in many cases the primary difficulty was caused by ice forming in engine carburetors.

Curtis planes in the service of France, however, have had no such trouble thus far. They use a heater unit with which virtually no difficulties have been experienced in nearly a decade. Unlike the British unit, which draws heat from the lubricating oil, the American heater uses exhaust heat.

The high temperature that must be maintained in the carburetor is necessary because the vaporization of gasoline exercises a powerful cooling effect in the same way as expanding gases which are used to cool refrigerators.

Contraband Seizures Total 870,000 Tons

LONDON (CP)—The British contraband control has seized 510,000 tons of merchandise destined for Germany since the beginning of the war, according to the Ministry of Economic Warfare. In the week ended last Saturday, 26,380 tons were intercepted.

Since the beginning of hostilities, the control organization has examined the cargoes of 303 British ships and 1,228 neutral vessels. Sixty-six cargoes were entirely confiscated.

Up to last Sunday, the French contraband control had seized 360,000 tons of merchandise, bringing the total for the Allies to 870,000 tons.

Medical Aid for Finns

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Roosevelt has ordered two United States public health service medical officers to Finland to co-operate with the Red Cross in combating an outbreak of typhus and other epidemic diseases.

Those dispatched to the war-torn nation are senior surgeons H. A. Spencer, now stationed in Paris, and Vance Murray, at present assigned to the American consulate-general in Berlin.

The White House said the typhus outbreak was in Finland and authorities there were untrained in combating such a disease. Extent of the outbreak was not divulged.

To Await Call

OTTAWA (CP)—The National Defence Department states it has been advised that Canadians who have registered in the United Kingdom army officers' emergency reserve should not return to England for such service unless specially called by British authorities with a view to being offered military employment.

L. W. Brockington Named War Recorder

OTTAWA (CP)—Leonard W. Brockington, K.C., Winnipeg, will act as "recorder of Canada's war effort."

Mr. Brockington, who will be attached to the Prime Minister's office and take up his duties at the beginning of the new year, is general counsel to the Northwest Grain Dealers' Association and has been given leave of absence by that firm.

Last October Mr. Brockington resigned as chairman of the board of governors of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation after serving a three-year term.

An announcement by Prime Minister King described Mr. Brockington's duties as follows: "To act in an advisory capacity to the war committee of the cabinet in the recording and interpretation of Canada's war effort; to advise and assist the government in providing accurate and essential information in these respects to the people of Canada and to the government of the United Kingdom, and to assist the Prime Minister by keeping a chronicle and other essential records of the progress of Canada's war effort."

Suggests Canada Send Statesmen Too

LONDON (CP)—The Daily Express today suggested Great Britain import some statesmen from Canada to help it conduct the war.

"Canadian soldiers are here to help us fight the war," the newspaper said. "Why not import some statesmen from Canada to help us run the war?"

"There are statesmen of the same stamp as Bonar Law in the Empire today. They might surpass our present ministers in mental stature."

Andrew Bonar Law, one-time leader of the Unionist party in the House of Commons, and a member of the war cabinet during the first Great War, was born in New Brunswick in 1858. He served as Prime Minister after the war.

Polish Professors

In Jails in Germany

LONDON (CP)—One hundred and sixty Polish professors and lecturers, including a number of men over 70, have been deported from Poland to Germany and are in concentration camps, according to authoritative information received here.

The group, including distinguished faculty members of Polish universities, had been invited to a lecture at which a German was to explain the Reich attitude toward Polish men of science and letters.

When he began by insulting teachers and students of Poland, the assembled academicians quit the room. Outside Gestapo trucks were waiting for them.

Among them was the aged Professor Kazimierz Kostanecki, former president of the Polish Academy of Science, and the prominent economist, Adam Krazyński, who later died in the custody of the Gestapo.

THE WEATHER

VICTORIA, 3 a.m. today—Pressure is high over northern Alberta and British Columbia with a deep depression centred northwest of Queen Charlotte Islands. The weather has been mostly fair with moderate temperature in this province. Scattered snowfalls have occurred in east Kootenay and also on the prairies, where temperature is falling sharply.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.18; temperature, max. 48, min. 39; wind, 10 miles W.; fair.

Vancouver—Barometer, 30.18; temperature, max. 49, min. 31; calm; foggy.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 30.08; temperature, max. 49, min. 45; wind, 2 miles E.; cloudy.

San Francisco—Barometer, 29.96; temperature, max. 61, min. 42; wind, 10 miles W.; clear.

	Max.	Min.
Victoria	48	38
Nanaimo	47	37
Vancouver	49	39
New Westminster	49	39
Prince Rupert	49	45
Dawson	39	24
Seattle	48	38
Portland	43	40
San Francisco	61	42
Kamloops	41	34
Prince George	33	23
Penticton	44	34
Kelowna	43	32
Vernon	42	32
Nelson	38	28
Grand Forks	38	28
Kaslo	36	26
Calgary	34	19
Edmonton	28	18
Winnipeg	20	17
Moose Jaw	20	16
Regina	21	14
Toronto	42	28
Ottawa	42	19
St. John	43	30
Halifax	48	30

COMMUNIST WRITER QUILTS IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK (CP)—Howard Rushmore, motion picture reviewer of the Communist newspaper Daily Worker, resigned his position as a result of a dispute with the paper's editorial board over handling his review of the \$4,000,000 motion picture "Gone With the Wind," according to a statement he has just made.

Rushmore said he had been told to "blister" the film, which stars the British actress Vivien Leigh and deals with episodes in the Old South during the United States Civil War. However, when he viewed it he said he found it not as bad as the Daily Worker had described it in advance denunciations.

Knowing his review would not be published unless he made what he said were concessions to ideology, Rushmore termed the film a "magnificent bore." His submitted review balanced praise of technical achievement, "the-ratic sweep" and acting with condemnation of the film for depicting a congenial, feudal southland and anti-negro sequences.

He said he was directed to rewrite the review, turning it into a 100 per cent attack and advising readers to boycott it. Rushmore said he was told "we praise nothing about this picture and that the most I could say was that Vivien Leigh and other stars were forced to appear in such a reactionary picture."

Rushmore promptly resigned his position, which he said had paid him nothing since the Stalin-Hitler pact was signed. Before that he got \$25 a week.

Change for Leewards

LONDON (CP)—Dominica, heretofore a part of the Leeward Islands administration, will become a separate colony January 1 under the terms of an order-in-council made public here.

Part of the volcanic Caribbean group in the West Indies, the island requested the transfer, which was conceded by Parliament after the government had announced its belief the change would be racially and economically suitable.

A commission was appointed some time ago to inquire into the practicability of closer union between the Leeward and Windward Islands and to learn whether any regrouping was desirable.

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Suit Fails

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Superior Judge Samuel R. Blake denied Mrs. Alma Alderman's claim against singer Ruth Etting for \$75,000 heart balm. He held Miss Etting did not wrongfully prejudice Myrl Alderman, whom Ruth later married, against his wife.

In a lengthy decision handed down after nearly five months' deliberation, Judge Blake held that Mrs. Alderman, during the trial of her alienation of affections suit, had failed to prove that the love of her husband had been stolen by Miss Etting.

He declared the evidence was insufficient to show that the motives of Miss Etting "were improper or that Miss Etting knew of an alleged reconciliation between Alderman and his wife."

Spitale Blamed For Diamond Murder

NEW YORK (AP)—Salvatore Spitalo is declared in a report of the probation office of the court of general sessions to have been the moving force behind the assassination some years ago of Jack (Legs) Diamond, notorious gangster.

In the report, made public in connection with the sentencing yesterday of Spitalo to from five to 10 years in Sing Sing for grand larceny, Irving Halpern, the chief probation officer, states an inquiry by his office indicated Diamond was shot by order of Spitalo and Irving Bliz.

Involved, Halpern says, was a refusal of Diamond to pay back \$200,000 given to him for a shipment of narcotic drugs from Germany which were not delivered.

Winnipeg Drivers Hear Safety Appeal

WINNIPEG (CP)—The police traffic department today issued an appeal to motorists to "drive with care" during the holiday season. Winnipeg was well on the road to a North American safety record by this time last year, but in the comparative period this fall four fatal accidents have occurred on city streets.

No lives were lost in automobile mishaps from November 12, 1938, to June 21, 1939, establishing a record unequalled in any North American city of similar size and population. Since June 21, 12 persons have been killed. The last was on December 13.

On the day the record was broken black flags were flown at downtown intersections and the black markers have replaced the usual white ones for 24 hours after every fatality since.

In appealing to Winnipeg motorists to halt the prevailing

slaughter, the department issued a short statement:

"Last week black flags flew once more from the safety flag poles indicating the death of another traffic victim."

"Twelve times these black flags, a warning to motorists and pedestrians to be careful, have been raised since that fateful 27th of June when our record-breaking period of 227 deathless days came to an end."

"With the cold weather, slippery streets, blizzards and other winter hazards approaching, let us all be doubly careful lest we spoil someone's Christmas by having to raise the black flags again this year."

Prizes to Mothers

ROME (AP)—Premier Mussolini yesterday distributed 1,460,000 lire (about \$65,700) and awarded medals to 188 wives of industrial workers for having borne the greatest number of babies in the past 10 years.

Insurance for 1,000 lire (about \$45) each were presented to the last-born children.

Each of the mothers, who were received by Il Duce in his Venezia Palace office, had seven or more children in the 10 years.

SENTENCE RESERVED

DARTMOUTH, N.S. (CP)—Mrs. Robert Tumilty of Dartmouth yesterday pleaded guilty in Magistrate's Court to a charge of writing a letter containing information about naval vessels, troops and aircraft in the Halifax district. Sentence was reserved for six months by Magistrate N. D. Murray.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police who prosecuted said "an indiscretion has been committed but no damage done" and suggested no penalty be given under the circumstances.

Woman Fined Under Defence Regulations

PEMBROKE, Ont. (CP)—Mrs. Lena Hampel, 41, of Stafford Township, yesterday pleaded guilty to a charge of making statements intended or likely to cause dissatisfaction to His Majesty, contrary to Defence of Canada regulations.

"If you were in some countries the penalty imposed would be much more severe," said Magistrate W. K. MacGregor in imposing a fine of \$25 and costs. He warned others not to take as a precedent his judgment, which he described as lenient.

Discipline Pro-Nazis

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (CP-Reuters)—A committee appointed by the South African Broadcasting Corporation to inquire into allegations of pro-Nazi sentiment among members of the corporation's staff reports it has found that a small section of the Afrikaander announcers were animated by an anti-government spirit.

The committee recommends the staff be reorganized, that two of its members be reprimanded, and that the staff as a whole be required to sign a declaration of loyalty to the corporation and pledge of co-operation with and assistance to the government.

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No Blitzkrieg Here

EVEN DISCOUNTING ALL THE REPORTS of the stalled Russian machine in Finland, intimations from Copenhagen that the Soviet retreat in the northern Arctic section is approaching the magnitude of a "catastrophe," there is sufficient reliable news coming over the cables today to suggest that something has gone radically wrong with Moscow's program for the suppression of a brave nation. In the first place, of course, Stalin's troops, in morale and military direction, obviously are no match for the men who are fighting for their very existence. It is doubtful if more than a small percentage of the invading army has its heart in its job. Numerical superiority, abundance of mechanized equipment, however, may encourage it—provided climatic vagaries do not exact too large a toll of men and machines.

An intimation that Soviet planes dropped batches of pamphlets on Helsinki today, instead of bombs, may mean much or little. However, the confident assertion by the Finnish military authorities that the southernmost Russian Arctic forces are back in positions they were reported to have passed a week ago, that the invaders are in full retreat in the Petsamo sector, and that the defenders are holding their own against bitter attacks by the enemy in the east and on the Karelian Isthmus, has not drawn any denial from Moscow. Reports also persist that the bitter cold of the virtually uninhabitable areas—desolated by the Finns who had left towns and villages in ashes—has resulted in many deaths from freezing and general suffering through lack of shelter. Observers have noted, moreover, that no Soviet trucks are moving southward, as they should be moving if troops were on the advance.

What the outcome in Finland will be, only time will tell. What the world has already learned, however, is that the Soviet steamroller is not running smoothly. Many figurative monkey wrenches have been thrown into it by the fighting forces of a brave people. With 40 to 1 odds against them, the Finns have entered the fourth week of the conflict, asking only that their friends of other countries aid them with airplanes and artillery. Given that assistance, knowing the world is following the defence of their homeland with admiration, they do not seem to be in doubt about the final reckoning. It is an encouraging spectacle, this valiant fight Finland is waging against the much-vaunted might of the Soviet, and its successful conclusion—or even its protraction without definite decision—may well be the turning point of that other war which so far has fooled all the expert prognosticators.

Fighting Populations

BRITISH PEOPLES AND THE PEOPLES of neutral nations naturally hope the present conflict can be confined to those countries now actually engaged in the fight against Hitlerism and Stalinism. The world naturally understands why all the sovereign states at present not at war continue to declare their intention to avoid fighting at all costs. But there is one disturbing fact which will not down. It is the evidence that hostilities in Europe already have embroiled two Empires and three countries with a joint population of no less than 850,000,000. In addition to this the 30-month-old undeclared war in China continues to engage approximately 470,000,000 Chinese and 75,000,000 Japanese. In other words, out of the world's population of about 2,000,000,000, only 640,000,000 are not actively engaged in human conflict.

Nor is this all. On the continent of Europe at the present time there are 14 countries armed to the teeth, not knowing from one day to another when they will be called upon to defend themselves against the tactics which have forced the British and French Empires into a struggle which not only was not of their seeking but which could have been avoided had it not been for the "senseless ambitions" of one man—Adolf Hitler. These countries and their respective populations follow:

Sweden, 6,300,000; Norway, 3,000,000; Denmark, 3,700,000; Holland, 4,200,000; Belgium, 8,400,000; Luxembourg, 300,000; Switzerland, 4,200,000; Italy, 44,000,000; Turkey, 16,000,000; Greece, 7,000,000; Rumania, 20,000,000; Bulgaria, 6,000,000; Hungary, 11,000,000.

Combined in the foregoing independent states is a population of about 150,000,000, half of them with armed forces that could give an excellent account of themselves individually, or, in collaboration with other nations fighting the same battle, could make things decidedly difficult for the aggressors. The fact nevertheless remains that nearly three-fourths of the world actually is at war, while those nations in Europe which have avoided open conflict so far are running national temperatures which at any time may reach the danger point and involve them.

This does not leave out of the reckoning the possible effect which recent developments on the sea and in the air may have upon the archpriest of Nazism. One of these mornings the world may wake up to find that the isolation of the aggressor nations is beginning to have its effect on the brutalitarian mind. This may be too much to hope for; but this war already has produced so many surprises that nothing either atrociously bad or amazingly good will seriously shock us or choke us with delight.

The Village Blacksmith

DEATH HAS STILLED THE OLDEST smithy in the United States. For the first time in 260 years there is no blacksmith named Pratt to take over the work of the little shop in Essex, Conn. James Lord Pratt, the last of his line, has died at 77.

The "spreading chestnut tree" was maple but in every other way the smithy was an accurate copy of the smithy of Longfellow's poem. It was started by John Pratt in 1678 and to a newspaper visitor in 1935 the proprietor said: "This is the oldest business run by one family in the country. When John Pratt founded it there were no horses to shoe. He used to shoe cattle, they were used to draw the wagons. And they made hardware, too, just as I do today, only my work is all replica stuff. People building colonial houses want all hand work."

The last survivor wanted to have a naval career but he returned and took over the little smithy. The story of the shop is carved deep in the stone over the door: Pratt's Village Smithy, James Lord Pratt, proprietor, Successor to Edwin—1870, Elias—1877, John—1811, Asa—1756, Lieutenant John—1744, John Jr.—1726, John Pratt—1678.

An Opportunity

VICTORIA IS TO PLAY SANTA CLAUS to potential home builders. It has decided to sell 400 lots in various parts of the city at \$30 each if the buyers will build. Such a give-away price on land along with the offering of easy financing under the National Housing Act provides an opportunity those who would have their own homes should not overlook. With the problem of financing the war about to monopolize the nation's resources, the present days of low-cost financing may be nearer an end than some of us realize.

Another Bubble Exploded

WHEN JOACHIM VON RIBBENTROP was a champagne salesman he included in his territory in the Western Hemisphere the whole of South America as well as the United States. He it was who laid the foundations for Nazi propaganda activity in all those Latin countries south of the neighboring republic. And at one time there were indications that Hitlerism and the might of Nazi Germany had begun to impress some governments and a not inconsiderable element of the people. Short wave programs from Berlin were interlarded with the stuff—beside his champagne—Von Ribbentrop thought would be swallowed with the prospect of creating a nuisance value which might sooner or later be utilized for Nazi purposes.

Events of the last year or so, of course, have pricked the Nazi propaganda bubble in most of the South American countries. Hitler's duplicity, his chain of broken pledges, his final grab of Czechoslovakia last March, and his brutal attack on Poland, practically finished his chances of establishing his type of totalitarianism down there or of continuing his publicity technique. If any of Von Ribbentrop's converts were hopeful of Germany emerging victorious from the present conflict, if any still believed that Britain had become a decadent nation and too flabby to fight, the spectacle of the pride of the German navy committing suicide in the waters of Rio de la Plata must have disillusioned them for all time.

What went wrong with the account of the recent aerial fight over Helligoland? The Germans, on first reports, said they had downed only 34 of the 40 British fighting planes. How did Goebbels overlook the other six?

Although December 21 is set down as the shortest day of the year, actually this year today is the shortest. The exact time of winter solstice was 10.06 this morning. At that moment the sun had reached its farthest point south and turned to begin its long climb north to culminate in the long days of summer.

Not in Britain

From Ottawa Citizen

The New York Times remarks on the fact that although wartime censorship operates in Britain, freedom of expression on the most vital issues still exists. It refers then to the report of the British Institute of Public Opinion in which the figures of a canvass of popular war views are given. These figures were actually broadcast in England.

Of chief interest is the fact that there is a considerable minority in Britain who want to stop the war. The report shows that 61 per cent of those questioned were satisfied with the government's conduct of the war; that 18 per cent were dissatisfied, and that 11 per cent were for ending the war. The replies came from both government and opposition voters, and there were actually 5 per cent among the former who said plainly they wanted to call the whole thing off.

Would such a poll be permitted in Canada? It is doubtful, for not only are there strict rules and regulations against disseminating information useful to the enemy and against uttering opinions calculated to prejudice recruiting, but hordes of functionaries stand not only ready but eager to see that the rules and regulations are applied with vigor and dispatch.

The "young" Dominions have frequently and sometimes justifiably pointed with pride to the greater freedom that exists within their bounds than in the Old Country. But when it comes down to bedrock and a war is declared, it is the Britisher and not the New Zealander, the Australian or the Canadian who asserts his elementary rights and speaks out against bureaucratic impositions.

Parallel Thoughts

And he that killeth any man shall surely be put to death.—Leviticus 24:17.
Murder itself is past all expiation the greatest crime, which nature doth abhor.—Goffe.

Loose Ends

By BRUCE HUTCHISON

TO REMIND YOU

NOBODY SEEMS TO notice it, nobody remarks on it, the newspapers never mention it, but the most important thing that has been happening in these parts lately is not in politics, not in economics, not in crime or business. The most important thing that has been happening is the weather, and its effect on the ordinary man is more immediate, more profound than any of the events which ordinarily fill the headlines.

The precise effect I cannot gauge exactly, but over a period, as I have said before, it will develop a special type of animal out of this climatic environment. Meanwhile, it ought to cheer the dullest spirit and animate the most sluggish mind; and it would, if people would stop to consider that in Edmonton this week the streets were so sheeted in ice that the street cars couldn't operate and pedestrians were all in horizontal positions on the pavements.

And just as I read this Edmonton dispatch I looked out of my window yonder and saw my pink primroses all in fullest bloom, the Christmas roses out, a few real roses still alive, though a little wan, the heath at the peak of their blossoming and against the chimney the jasmine sending out its gallant yellow shooting stars that mark this season as surely as that fabled star long ago.

What I mean to say is that we are much luckier than we deserve, merely to be alive and in Victoria this Christmas. Just pause for a moment as you pick your primroses, as you gather in your holly, as you feel green turf under your feet and feel the soft air in your face, just pause for a moment and think about Christmas in Poland, in Finland, in the centre of China—in fact, almost anywhere you can think of. And remember that you or I did nothing to deserve all this. We had no peculiar virtue, no special grace. We just happened to come here and the gods were foolish enough to let us stay.

TWO CLASSES

A NUMBER OF people appear annoyed at my opinion of Mr. Shaw's play "Geneva," recently shown here, but others are equally pleased. So far as I can make out, only two classes of people liked the play—those who were too stupid to see that it was a monumental collection of glittering verbal junk and those who were so clever that they read into it meanings and nuances and subtle subtones imperceptible to the ordinary ear. I envy the latter and bow to their superior knowledge. And I dare say Shaw would, too.

Anyway, I am getting tired of the great thinkers, like Shaw and Wells. Mr. Shaw has turned life into a wise crack and Mr. Wells is about to cut the world off without a shilling and then leave it, looking down his nose and muttering: "I told you so." His latest book is a long burp of disgust. There is nothing left for us, apparently. We are finished.

We are finished, so far as men like Shaw and Wells are concerned, because we haven't developed their kind of world. Even if it were a good world, they wouldn't like it. The real trouble with them is that they are getting old and they hate to leave the world before it has developed to their dimensions, before it has become Shavian and Wellsian and so damned perfect that life will be precisely like a Shaw comedy or a Wells novel and everybody will talk like the characters in "Geneva."

It is pretty hard to imagine a world worse than the one we have at the moment, but it is not a feat beyond my imagination. The kind of world projected by Shaw and Wells, and run by men like Shaw and Wells, would be infinitely worse. It would be a world in which only philosophers could live at all and we are not philosophers. That is one comfort anyway.

RESPECTABLE

"THE WORD 'DAMN,'" used above, is inserted here for the first time deliberately to mark a new epoch in the development of America. The word "damn" has become finally respectable, has passed the most critical tests and now enters into the best society (which long ago found it too mild for ordinary usage and has adopted much stronger words more suitable to these times).

"Damn" broke into the Saturday Evening Post, the organ of American respectability, some time ago along with "hell," but it didn't get into the movies until the other day, and that is the real test of anything in America. Then, it is recorded, the producers of "Gone With the Wind," wrangled with the Hays organization for weeks. A great executive flew from Hollywood to New York to have it out personally with Mr. Hays because his artistic integrity demanded that he stick by the words used in the novel itself. "Damn" was used there and Hollywood, always honest, insisted on keeping it.

Finally, in a decision as important to America as the Dred Scott decision in the last century, Mr. Hays permitted "damn" to go on the screen. There it is, accepted, respected, beyond question and beyond cavil. It is no longer profanity. It is just slang and you may safely teach it now to the young, for they are going to hear it anyway. They are going to hear Rheft Butler say that he doesn't give a damn. So you needn't either.

What an age of progress and enlightenment we live in! Friends!

GEMS FROM LIFE'S SCRAP-BOOK—WISDOM

"Don't look for flaws as you go through life, and even when you find them 'tis wise and kind to be somewhat blind, and look for the virtue behind them."—Anon.

"Wisdom is won through faith, prayer, experience; and God is the giver."—Mary Baker Eddy.

"Write injuries in dust, benefits in marble."—Franklin.

Britain's War Aims And Peace Ideas

From an address by Prime Minister Chamberlain

WHAT IS THE purpose for which we are today standing side by side with our Allies? One would think that there could be no doubt about it, but there are still questioners who feel that we have not yet sufficiently defined our aims. In my own mind I make a distinction between war aims and peace aims. Our war aims can be stated very shortly. It is to defeat our enemy, and by that I do not merely mean the defeat of the enemy's military forces.

I mean the defeat of that aggressive, bullying, mentality which seeks continually to dominate other peoples by force, which finds a brutal satisfaction in the persecution and torture of inoffensive citizens, and in the name of the interests of the state justifies the repudiation of its own pledged word whenever it finds it convenient.

If the German people can be convinced that that spirit is as bad for themselves as for the rest of the world they will abandon it. If we can secure that they abandon it without bloodshed so much the better; but abandoned it must be. That is our war aim, and we shall persevere in this struggle until we have attained it.

WHEN WE COME to peace aims we are dealing with something to be achieved in conditions we cannot at present foresee. Our definition of them can therefore only be in the most general terms, but there can be no harm in declaring the broad principles on which we should desire to found them.

Our desire, then, when we achieved our war aim, would be to establish a new Europe; not new in the sense of tearing up all the old frontier posts and redrawing the map according to the ideas of the victors, but a Europe with a new spirit in which the nations which inhabit it will approach their difficulties with good-will and mutual tolerance.

In such a Europe fear of aggression would have ceased to exist, and such adjustments of boundaries as would be necessary would be thrashed out between neighbors sitting on equal terms round a table with the help of disinterested third parties, if it were so desired. In such a Europe it would be recognized that there can be no lasting peace unless there is a full and constant flow

of trade between the nations concerned, for only by increased interchange of goods and services can the standard of living be improved. In such a Europe each country would have the unfettered right to choose its own form of internal government, so long as that government did not pursue an external policy injurious to its neighbors.

Lastly, in such a Europe, armaments would gradually be dropped as a useless expense except in so far as they were needed for the preservation of internal law and order.

IT IS OBVIOUS that the establishment of this Utopian Europe which I have briefly sketched out could not be the work of a few weeks or even months. It would be a continuous process stretching over many years. Indeed, it would be impossible to set a time limit upon it, for conditions never cease to change, and corresponding adjustments would be required if friction is to be avoided. Consequently you would need some machinery capable of conducting and guiding the development of the new Europe in the right direction.

I do not think it necessary, nor indeed, is it possible, to specify at this stage the kind of machinery which should be established for this purpose. I merely express the opinion that something of the sort would have to be provided, and I would add my hope that a Germany animated by a new spirit might be among the nations which would take part in its operations.

THERE, then, for the present I leave the peace aims, and once more I would remind you that before we can begin to translate them into action we have got first to achieve our war aim and win the war. In that purpose the members of the British Commonwealth are united, as they never have before in all their history.

Let us gird up our loins, confident in our own tenacity and resolute in our determination. Let us keep clear before our eyes the necessity that this reign of terror, instituted under the present German government, should come to an end in order that we may build a new and better Europe. We know that in this great struggle we are fighting for the right and against the wrong. Let us then go forward with God's blessing on our arms, and we cannot doubt but that we shall prevail.

Christmas Dinner

By DR. MORRIS FISHBEIN

THE REMARKABLE idea recently occurred to Miriam Birdseye, nutritionist, to contrast a Christmas dinner as prepared in 1680 with an average Christmas dinner prepared today.

We hear and read of the days when a 30 or 40-pound turkey could be bought for 25 cents—not a pound but complete. Here is a Christmas dinner of 1680 on a plantation of the Maryland tide-water.

The menu included oysters on the half shell, turtle soup, ham, venison, turkey and ducks, potatoes, sweet potatoes, green vegetables, jellies, conserves and pickles, pumpkin pie, mince-meat, apple pie, custard, coffee and sweets. There were also cider and "divers wines and spirits." All of these materials had been collected from local sources of production. Except for the choicest liquors and the sugar, it is doubtful that any of the food was purchased.

NOW FOR CONTRAST look at a modern Christmas dinner in the average city. Everyone being assembled except for the usual couple that is always late, the host begins serving the cocktails that have been brought ready-mixed. The hors d'oeuvres come prepared in cans and the little crackers on which they rest come all nicely baked in boxes.

The oysters and the soup also come in cans. Just heat and serve! Now for the turkey. If the housewife wants to do so she buys it quick-frozen in a bag; thaws it in her electrical refrigerator, stuffs it with bread, butter, parsley and poultry seasoning all purchased in packages or cans. The cranberry sauce comes prepared in a can; the vegetables come quick-frozen and are ready after 10 minutes cooking.

The fresh vegetables for the salad are purchased, but the dressing, already mixed, is perfectly blended by an expert manufacturer. The pies are made with canned pumpkin, canned mince-meat or other mixtures, put on an already-prepared pie-mix, and garnished with individual cheeses out of little tinfoil wrappers. Or the hostess can have canned plum pudding, which is delicious, or get her ice cream shipped from miles away in dry ice. Even the raisins and nuts come ready mixed in

cellophane, the coffee, ready ground, sealed in vacuum packages.

Hundreds and hundreds of human hands all over the world have done all the work that the housewife and her helpers in 1680 used to do alone in their own kitchen. The prejudices once held against packaged and canned goods no longer exist.

New food laws, government inspections, and the work of great numbers of competent and authoritative agencies which protect the consumer have made possible the miracle of the modern city Christmas dinner.

Christmas Trees

THE TWO MOST popular kinds of Christmas trees are fir and spruce . . . those that are cut commercially for this purpose and sold in the cities. They look somewhat alike, but here is how you can tell them apart:

Fir branches stand out at right angles with the trunk, or even droop downward, the branchlets make flat, dense mats of foliage. Spruce branches are more upward, are not so dense.

Fir needles are flattish, soft and usually curved, though they come out from all sides of the twig they are bent aside at their bases. Spruce needles are square and stiff, standing out on all sides of the twig. They have sharp points and will prick and scratch if you rub them with the back of your hand.

Pines are used in localities where they grow more abundantly than spruces and firs. Pine needles are much longer than those of the spruce and fir. They are borne in clusters. If there are five needles in each cluster, the tree is a white pine. If fewer, three or usually two, it is one of the numerous species making up the yellow pine group.

Other Christmas trees: Little redwoods and incense cedars in California, arbor vitae and red cedar in southern areas. And even palms in semi-tropical areas.

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Legs, lb. 18c; Steaks, lb. 19c; Chops, lb. 23c

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Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "The baby was named after his father."

2. What is the correct pronunciation of "elite"?

3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Numbskull, nucleus, nuisance.

4. What does the word "critterian" mean?

5. What is a word beginning with el that means "fitted or qualified"?

Answers

1. It is preferable to say, "The baby was named for (in honor of) his father." 2. Pronounce a-let, a as in late unstressed, e as in eat, accent last syllable. 3. Numskull. 4. A rule or test by which anything is tried in forming a correct judgment respecting it. "The criterion of true beauty is, that it increased on examination; of false, that it lessens."—Greville. 5. Eligible.



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Students Present 'Christmas Carol'

Dramatic Class of St. Margaret's in Fine Production

Charles Dickens' immortal "Christmas Carol" was the chosen vehicle of the dramatic class of St. Margaret's School for its Christmas presentation on Tuesday evening, given in the auditorium before a large and appreciative audience of parents and friends.

Mrs. Judith Turpin, teacher of the dramatic class, produced and directed the play, which was in five acts, and Peggy Frame was the capable stage manager. Beautifully costumed and staged, the production was marked by excellent diction and a splendid sense of the spirit of Dickens, notably in the "Scrooge" of Hazel Adcock.

Other roles, all commendably portrayed, included: Bob Cratchit, Agatha McGivern; Fred Cratchit, Diana Francis; a gentleman, Pamela Allan; the shade of Jacob Marley, Olive Headrick; the ghost of Christmas past, Allison Maude; the boy Scrooge, Denise Bethune; Little Fan, Betty Dayton; the apprentice Scrooge, Joan Piddington; Mr. Fezziwig, Violet McConaghy; Mrs. Fezziwig, Nannette Holland; Miss Fezziwig, Barbara Sloan; Mrs. Chuzzlewit, Diana James; Belle, Rita Millhouse; the husband, Louise Holmes; the ghost of Christmas present, Clemency

Ord; Mrs. Cratchit, Shellah Williams; Belinda Cratchit, Nina Greig; Martha Cratchit, Elinore Denton; Tiny Tim, Sandy Whyte; Mrs. Fred, Joan Thompson; the ghost of Christmas yet to come, Louise Preston; a gentleman, Suzanne St. Pierre; a fence, Joan Fisher; a charwoman, Peggy Greenhill; laundress, Jennifer Hobbs.

Mary Lou Allen, Rosalind Bond, Sonia Stewart, Ann Boise, Catherine Angus, Margaret Dayton, Isabelle Bird and Joyce Cleghue sang as the Christmas "waits," and forms 4a, 5a and 5b made an effective chorus.

Concert and Dance to Aid Solarium

An unusual program will be held in aid of the Queen Alexandra Solarium at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Government Street, at 8.30 tonight and continuing until 1 a.m.

Miss Joy Merriman, ventriloquist, will be in action with her little partner, Torchy. There will also be dancers from Miss Florence Clough's Dancing School, and Mr. Frank Merryfield, the Cornish Wizard, will do a few turns. Dancing will take place later to the strains of Stan Cross' Orchestra. Refreshments will be served.

A committee of the First Tillamook Rover Scout Crew have arranged this program. Those on the committee are: W. Clare, Rover leader; A. H. Wratten, Rover mate; O. W. T. Skinner, Scribe, and J. Dentith, Rover. Dr. J. D. Hunter, president of the Solarium board, will speak.

Martha Allan Plans to Hold Boxing Bouts

MONTREAL (CP)—Miss Martha Allan, director of the National Repertory Theatre, crashed the fight circles last night with the announcement she will promote a number of amateur boxing programs this winter for the recreation of soldiers.

Montreal's first woman fight promoter intends to match with United States stars such local lights as Joey Gagnon, Canadian bantamweight champion, and Johnny Greco.

Senator Donat Raymond, president of the Canadian Arena Company, said the Montreal Forum, home of the National Hockey League Canadiens, would be provided rent free for the first event.

HAS 19-POUND TWINS
 BOSTON (AP)—Mrs. Kelly, 32, wife of truck driver Joseph Kelly, was resting comfortably today after giving birth to twins weighing almost 19 pounds.

One of the boys weighed 9 pounds 13 ounces, the other 8 pounds 14 ounces. Mrs. Kelly is the mother of three other children.

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Many girls from all parts of Canada joined their R.M.C. friends at the Christmas dance at the Royal Military college, Kingston. Through the storied halls could be heard sounds of shrill feminine laughter and the echo of the deeper tones of their red-coated escorts. The Christmas dance was a gay and

carefree event, with original and colorful decorations adding to the atmosphere of celebration. Pictured in this happy group are Flora Reid, Ed. Fuger, Pauline Just, all of Montreal; Dave Irwin, Whitty; Olive Cadieux, Montreal, and "Snuffy" Smith, Dauphin, Man.

Social and Personal

Mr. and Mrs. R. Smith of Deep Cove will be guests at the Dominion Hotel for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Handley, Park View Apartments, will spend Christmas in Vancouver with their daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. George Crooks of Powell River will spend Christmas in Victoria with Mrs. Crooks' mother, Mrs. Cates, Bay Street.

Mr. and Mrs. K. C. McCannel and their son, Michael, will be the guests of Mrs. McCannel's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Shelley, Vancouver, over the holiday.

Mrs. Rome and Mrs. A. S. Blacklock went over to Vancouver Wednesday to be the guests of Mrs. Rome's daughter, Mrs. John Brice, for three weeks.

Miss Margaret Fletcher, R.N., will arrive from Vancouver tomorrow morning to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fletcher, 915 Moss Street, over the holiday week-end.

Mrs. H. D. Brumpton and the Misses L. and E. Brumpton of the Mt. Edwards Apts., left on the afternoon boat today for Vancouver where they will spend the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Hiram Carney, Linden Avenue, and Miss Ursula Carney went over to Vancouver this afternoon to spend Christmas with Mr. Carney's daughter, Miss Peggy Carney.

Mrs. A. K. Mitchell and Miss Gladys Irving, Terrace Avenue, will have with them for Christmas their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Brown of Vancouver, who will arrive from the mainland tomorrow afternoon.

Mrs. Robert Foulis and her small son, Robin, of New Westminster, have arrived in Victoria to spend the Christmas season, and are staying with her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Foulis, 832 Lamson Street. She will be joined by her husband for the week-end.

Miss Sylvia A. Boyden left this afternoon for Vancouver to spend Christmas with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Squire. She was accompanied by Mrs. F. Squire, who will also be the guest of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Squire.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil McNeill of Vancouver and their daughters, Maureen and Murray, are guests of their respective parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Luney, Hampshire Road, and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McNeill, St. Charles Street.

Among Vancouverites coming over to Victoria for Christmas will be Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Bull and their house-guest, Mrs. Ernest Lind of Toronto, who will be at the Empress Hotel; and Mrs. Mason Rooke and her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Melland Bother, who will be at the Beach Hotel, Oak Bay.

Mrs. A. Rideout, Stanley Apartments, Linden Avenue, left this afternoon for Seattle to spend the remainder of the winter with her daughters, Mrs. F. Carson and Mrs. S. Hall. Mrs. Carson has been spending the last few days here with her mother and returned with her to Seattle today.

Miss Minna Gildes, principal of Strathcona Lodge School for girls, is spending the holiday in Vancouver as the guest of Mrs. W. C. Woodward.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil F. Boulter, Monterey Avenue, have as their guests Mr. Boulter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Boulter of Acadia Valley, Alta.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. S. Latta arrived today from Alberni to spend Christmas with Mrs. Latta's parents, Col. and Mrs. W. N. Winsby, Cranmore Road. Mr. Kenneth Winsby, who is on the Bank of Montreal staff at Cloverdale, B.C., will arrive on Sunday to spend the week-end with his parents.

Miss Phyllis Dixon, who is to be married tomorrow to Mr. Nigel Tomlin, was the guest of honor when Miss Louisa Cameron entertained at a luncheon party at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Cameron, Gorge Road. Christmas decorations were attractively arranged throughout the house and on the table. Others present were the hostess mother, Mrs. D. O. Cameron, Mrs. Arthur Dixon, Mrs. H. Miller, Mrs. H. Rider, Miss Eileen Pendray, Miss Mildred Jones and Miss Marie Carney.



Mrs. Marie Conway Lloyd, widow of a British naval officer lost when the British submarine Thetis sank last June, is pictured with her three-month-old daughter, Anne Marie, as they recently arrived in New York. The baby was born three months after Lt. Comdr. Conway Lloyd's death.

Miss Sheila McDonough of Vancouver will arrive from the mainland next week on a visit to her grandparents, Hon. William C. Simmons and Mrs. Simmons, Cotswood Road, the Uplands.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Morrison of 2424 Dryde Street, Oak Bay, will have as their guests over the Christmas season their sons-in-law and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Powell of Seattle and Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Bell of Williams Lake, who are expected here Sunday.

Mrs. C. T. Beard, Empress Hotel, who has been visiting in Vancouver with Mrs. Mayne Hamilton, has returned home, accompanied by her daughter, Patsy.

Mrs. Suddaby, Mrs. A. Cree and Mr. Murray Cree, Island Road, will go up to Duncan to spend Christmas with Mrs. Suddaby's son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Suddaby.

Mr. and Mrs. George C. Brown, the Uplands, have as their guests their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Wray, of Portland, Oregon.

Miss Elaine Graham, who is attending the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, is home for the holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Douglas W. Graham, Joan Crescent.

Mr. Bill Barrett of Vancouver will come over to Victoria on Sunday morning to spend his Christmas holidays with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Barrett, Rockland Avenue.

Mr. Paul De Mille, newly-appointed U.S. vice-consul, arrived today from Monterey, Mexico, accompanied by Mrs. Paul and their son, Paul Jr., and have taken up residence on Monterey Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Belson of Texada Island have arrived to spend the festive season with Mrs. Belson's mother, Mrs. A. B. Cotton, Terrace Avenue, and with Mr. Belson's parents, Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs. W. H. Belson, Deep Cove.

Miss Gwyn Spencer was hostess at a linen shower on Wednesday evening at her home on Cavendish Avenue, in honor of Miss Alice Ruffell, who is to be married shortly. On her arrival the bride-to-be was presented with a corsage bouquet of Tallasman roses and later received many lovely gifts which were contained in a "wishing-well."

During the evening games were played, the prizes being won by Miss Isobel Barnes and Miss Joan Pattinson. A buffet supper was served from a prettily-appointed tea table centred with red-berried holly, silver bells and tall red tapers in silver holders. The guests included: Mrs. W. H. Ruffell, Mrs. Geo. Spencer, Mrs. D. Sutton, and the Misses Isobel Barnes, Audrey Ruffell, Dora Curtis, Kay Mothershead, Joan Pattinson, Bessie Milne, Edith Kay, Marion Pass, Amy Doherty, Gwendolyn Protheroe and Irene Spencer.

Puerto Ricans are marketing canned orange juice, thereby using a wild fruit heretofore unmarketable.

Women's Workroom Christmas Tea Enjoyed

Following a delightful tradition established when the Women's Workroom was first opened some years ago, the committee in charge entertained the workers at a Christmas tea yesterday afternoon. The affair was held in the smaller hall at the Shrine auditorium. Christmas greenery and gaily-decorated tea tables enhancing the festive atmosphere.

Mrs. Alan Morkill, president of the committee, welcomed the guests, tendering greetings and good wishes for the coming year. An attractive program of music included selections by an orchestra led by Mrs. J. Hebban Gillespie, and including Miss G. Finch Page, Mrs. Talbot, Mrs. F. W. L. Moore, Miss Agnes Dendead, Miss Parfitt and Miss Jennie Wilkerson.

Vocal numbers included solos by Mrs. William Ellis and Miss Isobel Pike, who also joined in choral numbers with Miss Talbot, Miss Kitty Lake and Miss Selma Reyes. The choral group and orchestra also leading the carol singing in which the whole gathering joined with enthusiasm. "Auld Lang Syne," in which hostesses and guests joined, concluded the music.

Miss Joy Merriman, a clever young ventriloquist, was there with "Torchy," and entertained the gathering with her amusing patter so successfully that she and her partner were recalled later in the program.

RECEIVE GIFTS

A bounteous tea was served at tables beautifully arranged with scarlet tapers in brass candelabra, flanking a centerpiece of Christmas greenery and silver bells. During tea, applause greeted the announcement that Mrs. W. C. Todd had sent each worker her customary Christmas gift of \$2.

Mrs. Thorpe-Douglas convened the tea and other members of the executive present were: Mrs. Morkill, the president; Mrs. A. F. D. MacGachen, vice-president; Mrs. R. R. Taylor, treasurer; Miss Lola Maxwell, secretary, and Mrs. A. Gillespie, Mrs. Charles Swayne, Mrs. Pease, Mrs. Arthur Jones, Mrs. Hermann Robertson, Mrs. W. C. Todd, Mrs. J. W. Gibson, Mrs. J. D. Laurie and Misses L. Ogilvie, E. M. Macrae, E. Fitz-Gibbon and G. Finch Page. Mrs. Chapin, supervisor of the workroom, and Mrs. Dobson, assistant supervisor, were also present.

Novelist Dies
 ST. ALBANS, England—Author of more than 40 novels, Mrs. Louis Baillie Reynolds, 78, died here. President of the Society of Women Journalists in 1913, her pen-name was G. M. Robins.

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Mary Christmas Has Busy Time

RACINE, Wis. (AP)—Mary Christmas stood on a street corner today, rang her little bell and sighed because the days didn't have more hours.

The unusual woman with the unusual name, who has devoted her life to bring to others a touch of the holiday cheer her name implies, couldn't see how she could get all her tasks done before Christmas.

Mrs. Christmas is the wife of Sam Christmas. They have been married 18 years. For a time after her marriage, Mrs. Christmas used the name Myrtle, foreseeing the complications of Mary Christmas. When she started using her real name, the mail began coming.

Now her home is a clearing house for children's requests to Santa Claus and headquarters for a correspondence club whose members mostly are physically handicapped.

Children often ask her to forward mail to Santa Claus, Ind., and seldom enclose postage. But Mary digs into her meagre savings and fills the requests. In other years she bore the cost of answering all her mail. This year the Racine Junior Chamber of Commerce is assisting her.

Princesses Send Yule Gifts to France

PARIS (CP-Havas)—Crates containing boxes of chocolates sent by Princess Elizabeth and Margaret Rose as Christmas gifts to French children evacuated from their homes near the frontier arrived at the British Embassy here today.

Children Getting Ready for Ball

Navy League Chapter's Annual Costume Dance Next Week

Members of the very young social set are eagerly anticipating the annual children's fancy dress ball, to be held at the Empress Hotel under the auspices of the Navy League Chapter I.O.D.E. next Wednesday evening. Dancing for the children will be from 7 until 9, when supper will be served, after which the older guests will take the floor.

Mrs. Aubrey Kent, the regent, is general convener, and patrons include His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Hamber, Capt. and Mrs. Victor Brodeur, the Premier and Mrs. T. D. Pattullo, the cabinet ministers and their wives, also Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Mayhew and Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. MacPherson.

Committees in charge of the various details include: Favors and balloons, Mrs. T. A. Johnston and Mrs. E. Hambury, assisted by Mrs. Daisy Smith and Miss F. McNell; tickets, Mrs. E. O. Weston, Mrs. A. D. Whittier and Mrs. H. Peacock; ballroom, junior members of the chapter; dining-room, Mrs. Gordon Smith and Mrs. T. McGimpsey.

The Grand March of the children in costume will take place at 9 o'clock, after which the children will march into supper.

The ball is adept at catching locusts, which may have something to do with the ancient Egyptians' veneration for this bird, considering how locusts have plagued Egypt.

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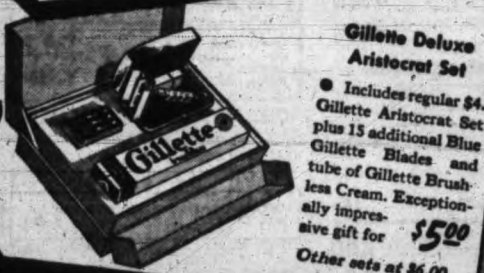
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The Prenatal Sewing Class of the Victorian Order of Nurses, which meets weekly at the Y.W.C.A., held its final sewing meeting of the year on Tuesday. Tea guests included Miss A. Creasor, Miss F. Fitzgibbon, president of the V.O.N. board, and Mrs. H.D. Parizeau and Mrs. Osborne, members of the Sir Mathew Bailey Begbie Chapter L.O.D.E., who have assisted in financing this project.

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Yule Socials Held By Church Groups

Church societies, in common with other groups, have been anticipating Christmas by holding their December gatherings in the form of Yuletide socials.

ST. SAVIOUR'S GIRLS
St. Saviour's evening branch of the Girls' W.A. held a Christmas party on Monday evening at the home of Mrs. K. Roach, Alderman Road. Games were played, the winners being Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. J. Rimmer and Miss Gladys Fea. During the evening the party was visited by Santa Claus, who found a gift on the gaily-decorated Christmas tree for each one present. Later, refreshments were served by the hostess. Those present were: Mesdames G. Jones, G. Bell, J. Loudoun, R. Faulks, Roach, R. Bradshaw, V. Smith, Harper, J. Rimmer, Hughes, E. Pattison, K. Roach, B. Vesey and Misses Gladys Fea, Mae Price, Kathleen Stewart, May McBeath and Isabel Eastick.

KNOX Y.W.A.
The Young Women's Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church met at the home of the Misses McPhail, 2643 Forbes Street, on Tuesday evening for a Christmas party. The rooms were prettily decorated with Christmas wreaths and garlands. Christmas carols were sung, after which these present enjoyed playing Chinese checkers, the winners being Miss Ruby Blyth and Miss Johanna Coutts. Santa Claus, in the person of Miss Blyth, distributed presents to each person present from a prettily-lighted and decorated tree. The supper table was centred with a Santa Claus and sleigh, drawn by four reindeer, surrounded by snow, snowballs and holly plants. Each place was marked by a cracker pastry, which upon being opened was found to contain a cracker paper hat, which was worn during the supper. A plum pudding containing presents for each one was also on the table. The occasion was also the birthday of Miss Mary McPhail and she cut the birthday cake, distributing a piece to each one present. A hearty vote of thanks.

ST. ANDREW'S Y.P.S.
St. Andrew's Young People's Society held a Christmas party Monday evening in the lecture room of the church. The evening opened with a short devotional period led by Ethel Wilson. A violin selection by Alan Anderson and a vocal solo by Fred Arnot were enjoyed. Following a hearty sing-song, in which everyone took part, those present were entertained with a short skit by members of the society. Those taking part were Isabelle Stewart, Eleanor Moffat, Anna Ariow, Marjorie Kennedy, Violet Wilson, Nora Wilson, Nancy Cameron and Barbara Draper. Games were played, after which refreshments were served. As a climax to the evening's entertainment, Art McCoy, as Santa Claus, presented each person with a novelty gift from the Christmas tree. "Auld Lang Syne" brought the party to a close.

The first meeting of the society in the new year will take place on January 8 at 8.

CATHEDRAL A.Y.P.A.
Christ Church Cathedral A.Y.P.A. had a Christmas social on Wednesday evening. A big illuminated Christmas tree, cedar branches and holly, decorated the room. The president acted as Santa Claus, and distributed presents to everybody. At the business meeting it was announced that St. Mary's had won the last badminton tournament, the Cathedral having been successful in the two preceding ones. An offer from the Little Theatre players to present Sheridan's "School for Scandal" in January, sponsored by the branch, was accepted. After carol singing, the boys of Group One, which was in charge of the social, presented "Born Thirty-four Years Too Soon," an imitation of the driving of an early car, with vivid sound effects; and the girls burlesqued women's gossip. Refreshments were served in the gymnasium and the evening ended with dancing under red-covered floodlights.

ST. MARY'S A.Y.P.A.
On Wednesday St. Mary's A.Y.P.A. held a Christmas social and concert to which the parents of the members were invited. Two one-act plays were presented by the members: "Our Aunt from California," directed by Mollie Llewellyn, and "John's Mistake," directed by Norman Williams. Those taking part were: Margaret Greenway, Marian Dale, Jean Dew, Elizabeth Pearce, Alma Cook, Elsie Houlding, Jean Embleton, Jean Hickman, Mary Bell, Marjory Houlding, Francis Robinson and Fred Holtum. An accordion solo was rendered by Francis Robinson, recitations by Elsie Houlding and Norman Williams, piano duet by Margaret Greenway and Francis Robinson, vocal solo by Alma Cook, Francis Robinson played the accompaniment for the Christmas carols and Ian Llewellyn was the master of ceremonies. After the concert refreshments were served and Archdeacon A. E. de L. Nunns on behalf of the visitors thanked the A.Y.P.A. Bert Hickman won the prize which was given in connection with the Christmas hamper fund. The committee in charge of the evening included Mary Bell, Norman Williams, Fred Holtum, Francis Robinson and Phil Salmon. Paints made with soybean oil, in place of linseed or other oils, appear to dry more slowly but show good weather resistance.



That the U.S. administration still recognizes Czechoslovakia as a living nation is shown by Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt who does her Christmas shopping at Czech bazaar in Washington and chats with Mrs. Vladimir Hurban, right, wife of Czechoslovakian minister in U.S. Articles sold were imported before outbreak of war.

Clubwomen's News

The mothers of St. Paul's branch, Esquimalt, will hold a Christmas party for their children and friends on Friday, December 29, at 2.30, in St. Paul's Parish Hall. It is hoped all members of the branch will attend.

At the meeting of the Women's Auxiliary to the Tuberculosis Veterans held on Tuesday, a motion was passed for the installation of a new lighting system for the club rooms. Arrangements were made for the distribution of the usual Christmas hampers.

Victoria Lodge, Daughters of St. George, met Wednesday in the Sons of England Hall with W. President Mrs. Skelland in the chair. After a short meeting a successful concert was held with Mrs. A. Gurney acting as chairman of the affair and the following taking part: Songs and dances, Bruce Allen; piano-accompanied solos, A. de Giraloma; recitations, Mrs. Chappell; comedy sketches, Mrs. Plaine; songs, Mrs. C. Williams; humorous recitation, Mrs. Murphy; songs, Mrs. L. Porter, Laurence Orchin and Mrs. K. Gaiger. A quartette of national choruses by Mrs. Gaiger, English; Mrs. Porter, Irish; Miss Orchin, Scotch and Mrs. Williams, Welsh. Community singing was enjoyed and refreshments were served by Mrs. A. Harris and able committee. Mrs. H. Penketh was general convener. Dancing and house-housie were afterwards indulged in.

The annual meeting of the Oak Bay United W.M.S. was held at the home of Rev. and Mrs. F. R. G. Dredge, St. Patrick Street, yesterday afternoon, with the president, Mrs. A. J. Gerry, in the chair. The devotional period was taken by Mrs. McGinnis. Little Lily Masuda from Oriental Home acted as candle bearer. Mrs. L. Batchelor sang two numbers, accompanied by Miss Myra Batchelor. The speaker was Mrs. Nellie McClung, who spoke on "The Second Mile." The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. A. J. Gerry; first vice-president, Mrs. W. J. Graham; second vice-president, Mrs. J. B. Sinclair; corresponding secretary, Miss Runacre; recording secretary, Mrs. Peter Gardner; temperance secretary, Miss J. C. Ferguson; C.G.I.T. secretary, Mrs. F. D. Mulholland; missionary monthly, Mrs. J. G. McKelvie, Miss Beattie; Mrs. George Marshall; literature supply, Mrs. T. S. Stott and Mrs. Joe. Sutton; community friendship, Mrs. M. G. Bullock; Christian stewardship, Mrs. Dredge; treasurer, Mrs. H. H. Depew, and organist, Mrs. Samuel Robson.

Her Father Pays
STOCKTON, England—Damages against her father to the amount of £1,500 (\$6,675) were awarded Joyce Tonks, 14, who sued in connection with an accident which occurred while she was a passenger in the paternal car.

Robinson played the accompaniment for the Christmas carols and Ian Llewellyn was the master of ceremonies. After the concert refreshments were served and Archdeacon A. E. de L. Nunns on behalf of the visitors thanked the A.Y.P.A. Bert Hickman won the prize which was given in connection with the Christmas hamper fund. The committee in charge of the evening included Mary Bell, Norman Williams, Fred Holtum, Francis Robinson and Phil Salmon. Paints made with soybean oil, in place of linseed or other oils, appear to dry more slowly but show good weather resistance.

Weddings

EDGELOW-PORTER

The marriage took place quietly in Seattle, on Tuesday morning, of Mr. Vernon Arthur Edgelow, son of Dr. and the late Mrs. Arthur Edgelow, Alkazar Mansions, Victoria, and Elsa May Porter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Young of 2814 Rockwell Street, Saanich.

The bride, who was attended by Mrs. Greta Bradley, Victoria, wore a dress of blue moire with matching hat, over which she later wore a muskrat coat for traveling. Mr. and Mrs. Edgelow will make their home at 2259 Tinto Street, Oak Bay.

MACHAM-LONGHURST

At St. Mary's Church last evening at 7, Ven. Archdeacon A. E. de L. Nunns united in marriage Gladys Margaret, only daughter of the late Mr. A. V. Longhurst and Mrs. Longhurst, Bank Street, and Mr. Gordon Frederick Macham, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. William Macham, Saanich.

The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. Bert Longhurst, wore a pretty Colonial style frock of pink net with short sleeves, and tied with a mauve sash. Her chapel veil of pink net was arranged with orange blossoms, and she carried a Colonial poxy of violets and rosebuds. Attending the bride was Mrs. Kenneth Hemsworth in a frock of Queen's blue georgette with a long skirt and long sleeves. With this was worn a small black close-fitting hat and she carried a sheaf of bronze chrysanthemums. Mr. B. Macham supported his brother. Mr. and Mrs. Sundman and little daughter of Vancouver were out-of-town guests at the wedding.

A small reception was held at the home of the bride's mother where the Christmas decorations made an attractive setting. The buffet supper table was arranged with berried holly and lighted red tapers and centred with the bride's cake, which was surrounded by an ornament which had decorated her mother's wedding cake.

After their wedding trip, for which the bride left in a navy blue outfit and an aviator blue hat, Mr. and Mrs. Macham will return to Victoria for a few days before leaving for Port Renfrew, where they will reside.

Modern Etiquette

By ROBERTA LEE

1. When a woman dines in a restaurant, should she take off her gloves as soon as she is seated at the table?
2. Does a woman of taste ever go without hat and gloves on a city street in the daytime?
3. If you are a woman asked to lunch at a smart restaurant what kind of clothes would be suitable?
4. Should a woman take off her gloves to shake hands?
5. Do the women guests at a wedding wear hats?

What would you do if—
You are a man invited to a public dinner and the invitation says "Dress is optional." You do not know whether that means you should wear either a business suit or dinner jacket, or choose between a dinner jacket and tails. Would you—
(a) Wear a business suit?
(b) Wear a dinner jacket?
(c) Wear tails?

Answers
1. Yes.
2. No.
3. Whatever would be suitable for street wear.
4. No.
5. Yes.
Best "What Would You Do" solution—(b). Then you will be right either way.

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The Bankers' Quartette and their spare—no one found out which one was the spare—accounted for a good share of the subscriptions. The quartette, including the emergency man, was composed of Hamilton Harman, S. K. Campbell, Herb Stevens, Dave McMillan and Gordon Campbell.

Both audience members and listeners called the group back time after time. R. W. Mayhew, M.P., who had already donated a large sum, offered \$50 from the audience for the bankers to sing "Home On the Range," and he did not need to make the offer twice.

Subscriptions of \$100 each were given by Mrs. J. W. Spencer, the B.C. Electric Railway Company Ltd., Will Todd and an anonymous donor.

EXPLAINED OBJECT

Master-of-ceremonies McGregor, aided by Bob Smith, kept things moving briskly, and although the program leaned towards a lighter vein, some seriousness was added when Fred E. Winslow took over the microphone to explain the purpose of the broadcast and the use of the funds collected to the studio and listening audience.

Mr. Winslow appealed for support of the bureau which aided needy persons and families of the city, and mention was made of the second broadcast to be staged this evening by the mayor, aldermen, City Hall officials and police and fire departments.

Mr. Winslow was later heard in solos and duets with Mrs. C. E. Wilson and Mrs. Rae Rice.

Other artists who took part, contributing songs, recitations or musical numbers, were: Bert White, Keith Little, aged nine; Derek Mason; an harmonica band of British sailors, who were repeatedly encored; June Gibson and Bob Wymington, Miss Hope Denbigh, Gerald Elliott, aged 13; Beverly Sanderson, aged four; Lawrence Eldland, Miss Elaine Basanta, Jack Collins, John Stephen and Sergt. Stanley James.

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their game might be improved. He was assisted by Duke McLeod. At the conclusion of the program Mr. McGregor extended thanks to the subscribers, artists and accompanists, the Spencer's Sports and Social Club, the Victoria girls' drill team, and to the B.C. Telephone Company operators who attended the telephones.

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Walnuts , lb.	25c
Self-shell Walnuts , lb.	25c
Crytallized Ginger , fresh, lb.	30c
Smyrna Puffed Figs , lb.	20c
Jell-O , assorted flavors, 3 pkts.	19c
Ocean Spray Cranberry Sauce , 17-oz. tin.	25c
Shirley's Cranberry or Mint Jelly , 12-oz. jar.	25c
Symington's Gravy , 10c and 19c tin.	
Spices , poultry dressing, thyme, etc. 3 tin 25c	
Dainty Salt Dates , 5-lb. pkt.	20c
Garden of the Setting Sun Fresh Dates, 8-oz. pkt.	25c
Toronto Vale Dessert Cluster Raisins , 1-lb. pkts.	45c
Dessert Cluster Raisins , 12-pkts. 25c	
Saxonia Mixed Glace Fruits , 4-oz. tray	15c
Green Olives , Libby's Spanish Queen, 8-oz. bottle	20c
12-oz. bottle	35c
Crosse & Blackwell's Hard Sauce , 6-oz. jar.	55c
Brand's Pickled Walnuts , 10-oz. jar.	45c
Almond Paste , our own make, lb.	45c

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Mandarin Oranges, from Florida; sweet and juicy, easy to peel. Large open mesh bags, each.
59c
Empire Grapes, large.
23c
Brussels Sprouts, from
4 25c
Gordon Head, 4 lbs.
25c
Cape Cod Cranberries; you'll find they're different. Per lb.
25c
Potatoes.
4 lbs. 25c

Christmas Box Chocolates and Candies

Christmas Colored Fanned Minis, Reg. 25c, Special 15c.
19c
Billie Assortment—Chocolate, Cream, Caramels and Jellies.
29c
Box of French Creams, per lb.
25c
Creams and Jelly Mixture, per lb.
25c
Vanilla Chocolates, Lowery's, 1-lb. box.
39c

CAVALIER CHOCOLATES

Assorted, 1-lb. box, reg. 25c, special, box.
45c
2-lb. box, reg.
90c
1-lb. special, box
1.25

CHRISTMAS WINES AND BEVERAGES

Gold Band Wines—Ginger, Port or Cherry large bottles.
40c
Canada Dry Ginger Ale, 12-oz. bottle, special, per dozen.
1.89

Leon's Cocktail Mixers, 8-oz. bottle, 35c 10-oz. bottle, 60c
Duncan's Ginger Ale, dozen.
50c
Welch's Grape Juice, pint bottle.
35c

Beim's Minestrone, 1-lb.
23c
Slice Olives, Old Monk.
25c
Mammoth.
28c
Colonial tin.
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Sports Mirror

By PETE SALLAWAY

TWENTY-ONE YEARS in basketball as a player, coach, manager and league president. That is the record of Jack Barberie, head of the Intercity League on the mainland, who was a visitor to Victoria this week. Had quite a chat with the Vancouver prexy during which time basketball, past, present and future, was talked over.

Dealing with the present Barberie displayed no small interest in the difficulties being experienced locally. Despite the fact the British Columbia Association has announced it is through in its dealings with the Dominions Barberie is of the opinion a solution will still be found. "Dominions will be in the B.C. playoffs, don't you worry about that," Barberie said. "That playoff is necessary for a financial reason. It is alright for some of the officials to state the sport can get along without the series but from a sound business standpoint the Vancouver-Victoria final is the revenue producer."

Although he was not in a position to pass judgment on the local difficulty, in that he did not know the complete facts, Barberie was at a loss to understand just why the two parties could not get together. He was of the opinion there was too much bull headedness on somebody's part. However, Victoria was now in possession of a fine auditorium for basketball and it was criminal if all the teams in the city were not given the advantage of using it. Intercity League in Vancouver was determined to build basketball into a major winter attraction and Victoria, with a national champion, should do everything to foster the sport.

Speaking of the future Barberie told us of plans to build an auditorium especially adapted for basketball at the Vancouver Exhibition Grounds. Construction will likely start soon after the new year. With a seating capacity of 2,200, special glass backboards, and many other smart improvements the gym would provide Vancouver teams with an outstanding floor. Maple Leafs, former Westerns, and now setting the pace in the Intercity League with an undefeated record, are backed by the exhibition authorities.

Discussion then veered around to the past. B.C. championship clubs of recent years were praised and criticized. "Well, give me a club of the two Patricks, Murray and Lynn, the two Chapmans, Art and Chuck, and Doug Peden, and I will guarantee a Canadian championship every time," Barberie said. "We were forced to agree with him. 'However, the Varsity club that beat Victoria a few years back would not be far behind in any series. And oh, how I remember the year Forky Andrews beat my Varsity team in the B.C. final. That is one playoff I will never forget. Andrews has done real well for himself. See where he scored seven points the other night playing for Oregon against one of the crack eastern college clubs.'"

In the current Intercity League race Barberie figures the Maple Leafs are a cinch to finish in first place. He would not predict the second and third clubs but would not be surprised if three of the teams closed the season in a tie behind the leaders. The race is just that close. The mainland boss claims the Maple Leafs are a better ball club than they were last season as the Westerns. One of the most improved players on the outfit is "Feet" Parsons, while in eight games Joe Ross has dropped through 77 points.

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SPORT



KNOWS GOLF SINCE ANTEDILUVIAN DAYS—Alexander H. Findlay, above, is one chap you can't tell much about golf. In April 1887 he started knocking golf balls around a Nebraska ranch next to that of William (Buffalo Bill) Cody. Findlay was the first United States player to score a 72 for 18 holes, posting the figure on the Montrose course in Scotland in 1890. In the picture he is seen with part of his collection of old-time clubs and balls.

Four Periods For Ice Game

PORTLAND, Ore. (CP)—Portland Buckaroos' 3 to 1 victory over Vancouver Lions here last night was overshadowed today by speculation on a radical hockey change—substitution of three 20-minute periods for four 15-minute stanzas.

The innovation will be tried out here Sunday afternoon when Bucs and Lions clash in a scheduled Pacific Coast Hockey League fixture.

Bobby Rowe, Portland manager, who told of the plan which may revolutionize the ice sport, said coast hockey bosses had agreed to give the proposal a try-out.

Under the new system there will be two-minute rest periods between sessions and an 18-minute half-time intermission. Bucs' win put them within two points of the league-leading Lions, who moved to the top this week with two successive wins over the collar-dwelling Seattle Sea Hawks. Defenceman Jean Pusie was the lone Vancouver point-maker while Aubrey Webster and Eddie Ouellette, who sniped a couple, accounted for the home team's markers.

Summary follows:
First period—Scoring: None. Penalties: Scharie, O'Neill (2).

Second period—1, Portland, Webster (Holmes), 9:46. Penalties: Mercer (2), Holmes, Palm, Pusie, Hutton.
Third period—2, Portland, Ouellette (Webster), 1:58; 3, Vancouver, Pusie (O'Neill), 3:04; 4, Portland, Ouellette (Webster, McAdam), 11:58. Penalties: Adams, Holmes, Sutherland.

JUVENILE SOCCER

Juvenile football league games for tomorrow follow:

10:30—Gorge Aces vs. Pro Rees, Hampton Road.
10:30—Young's Shamrocks vs. Rovers, Bannockburn.
2:30—Maple Leafs vs. H.M.S. Caradoc, Bullen Park, exhibition game.
Pro Rees' line-up follows: Ferris, A. Roberts, R. Fairservice, A. White, W. Thorburn, A. DuPlain, A. Marshall, R. Hood, A. Hilton, J. Fletcher, D. Maurer, D. Bath and R. Ferguson.

GOOD SKIING SNOW ON MOUNT BECHER

Reports from the Forbidden Plateau today indicated that snow conditions on the plateau are good for skiing now. Last week-end a few energetic skiers hiked up to Mount Becher cabin and enjoyed several hours of good skiing. There is no snow yet at the Forbidden Plateau Lodge itself.

At the annual meeting of the Forbidden Plateau Ski Club, held on December 19 in Courtenay, Desmond Prentice was elected president, Clifford Tower vice-president and John Bird secretary-treasurer.

One of the aims of the club will be to build a lodge on Mount Wood, it was announced. This would enable skiers to have their lunches in a comfortable shelter. It is also intended to fit the lodge with sleeping accommodation, so that those wishing to stay overnight may do so.

About 25 members of the club attended the meeting.

It costs between \$750 and \$1,000 to train an African elephant, but he pays good dividends when put to work on the Congo plantations of the Belgian government.

Baseball

Williams Outstanding

CHICAGO (AP)—New York Yankees dominated the summer's baseball warfare, as usual, but even their prodigious feats could not dim the lustre of the Theodore Williams.

This 21-year-old Boston rookie, built along the general lines of a beanpole, led the American League in runs batted in, cubbing out a .327 mark, including 31 home runs, 44 doubles and 11 triples.

Official averages released today revealed Williams, in right field for 149 games, knocked 145 runs across the plate, 19 more than Joe DiMaggio's total in second place. The Yankee ace, however, played in 126 games. On a proportionate basis, DiMaggio batted in 1.05 runs per game and Williams .97 per game.

Harland Clift, St. Louis third baseman, drew the most passes for the 1939 season, getting 111 free trips to first. Hank Greenberg of Detroit gained the dubious distinction of striking out the most, whiffing 95 times in 138 games.

Odds and ends: Bill Tabor, Boston third baseman, knocked in more runs in a single game than any other 1939 player when he accounted for nine runs last July 4. On this spree he hit homers twice with the bases loaded. The Yanks led in total runs batted in with 903 and also drew the most passes, 701. St. Louis players struck out 606 times for leadership in this department. Total strikeouts for the league reached 4,314 and total runs batted in amounted to 5,963, more than 100 under the 1938 aggregate.

Long Shot First in Florida Inaugural

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—A record opening day racing crowd of 11,431 saw the longshot High One, owned by Sidney Prince of Chicago, usher in the Florida season yesterday with a photo victory in the \$1,000 inaugural purse at Tropical Park.

High One, a Virginia-bred sprinter, paid \$21 in winning the inaugural by a scant head from Mrs. L. Palladino's Remarkable Dolly Van ran third.

BOXING

NEW BEDFORD, Mass.—Babe Verila, 153½, New Bedford, stopped Frankie Britt, 152, Fall River, Mass. (10).



FORMER CHAMP TO APPEAR—Tomorrow night's wrestling card at the Army and Navy auditorium, Wharf Street, will feature in one half of the double main event Dave Levin, above, former holder of the heavyweight title. The Boston star will meet George Wilson, former All-American footballer. In the second half of the main event Hal Rumberg will battle La Verne Baxter. First bout will start at 8.30.

Fiery Ross Asks \$1000 Fine Against Con Smyth

Al Hostak Will Make Ring Tour

SEATTLE — Al Hostak, long a homebody, coy about boxing away from his Georgetown hearth, will roam far and wide during the new year in search of lucrative bouts.

Eddie Marino, manager of the middleweight champion, this week disclosed that he's open to all offers for 1940. Late Wednesday he accepted a 10-round bout for Hostak in Chicago, January 19, against Tony Zale.

The Zale fight will be a non-title affair, promoted by Bill Rand, Chicagoistic impresario. Zale, a youngster managed by Sam Pian and Art Winch, who piloted Barney Ross to the welterweight championship, has agreed to weigh more than 160 pounds, the middleweight limit, and not more than 163 pounds.

Hostak wowed the Middle West by the ease with which he handled Seelig. The Georgetown Bomber won that one in a minute and 21 seconds, and since then he's been flooded with offers.

Promoter Nate Draxman, who had first call on Hostak's services, agreed to release the champion for the Chicago fight, remembering that Pian and Winch once let Ross come to Seattle to give Henry Woods a crack at his junior welterweight crown.

After the Zale fight Hostak may remain in the Middle West to accept other lucrative offers for hostile fights, unless Draxman manages to coax some of the leading middleweights to Seattle. Naturally the fight Draxman is trying to land is Cefierino Garcia, recognized in New York and California as the 160-pound king, against Hostak. He hopes to get it for a summer outdoor shot here.

Garcia is in the Philippine Islands now, to defend his "title" against Glen Lee, a boxer who was denied a crack at Hostak here because he's washed up. Lee shouldn't give Garcia a great deal of trouble.

THREE HOOP GAMES CARDED TONIGHT

A trio of Victoria and District Basketball League games will be presented this evening in the Esquimalt Athletic Association hall, Fraser Street.

Opening the show at 7 will be a game between Y.M.C.A. and Fairfield Sunday school quintettes. Garrison and Commercial Bruisers, senior C men's squads, will meet in the second game. The evening will be topped off with a senior B men's battle with Chuck Sharpe's Quarter Cabs meeting Ramblers.

Boy and girl teams from Fulford Harbor will play against West Road teams in a two-game hoop card in the West Road Hall next Wednesday night. Following the games dancing will be held.

War and Oil

WINNIPEG (CP)—Conditions of war have served as a stimulus to the development of oilfields in western Canada, said T. F. Lee of Calgary, an operator in the Turner Valley oilfield, during a visit here.

Hunts Ducks at 90
EDMONTON (CP)—Age is no handicap to duck hunters. Rev. Artur Murphy, 86, and his friend, James Bunn, 90, are on a hunting expedition. Mr. Murphy has been a nimrod for 70 years.

Family in Uniform
LETHBRIDGE, Alta. (CP)—Sergeant Major J. Pittaway and his three sons are members of the Calgary Highlanders. They enlisted as soon as Britain declared war on Germany.

Firefighter Dismayed
BLACKPOOL, England—A fireman met an emergency for which he had not been trained when he encountered a 12-foot python while extinguishing a fire in an amusement booth. The serpent was captured in a packing box.

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Toronto	8	5	3	43	30
Rangers	8	3	1	37	26
Canadiens	7	7	2	44	41
Chicago	7	7	1	31	43
Detroit	4	10	3	27	48
Americans	3	13	1	36	48

COAST LEAGUE	W.	L.	D.	P.	P.
Vancouver	7	5	1	43	40
Portland	6	6	1	28	24
Seattle	5	7	0	30	26

Dominions Get Gold Watches

In recognition of their smashing victory last spring in the Canadian basketball final against Windsor at the Willows, members of the Victoria Dominions Club were last night presented with handsome gold watches.

Presentation took place at the annual Christmas dinner of the club held in the Dominion Hotel. Bill Bland, president of the club, after a few words presented watches to the following: Chuck and Art Chapman, Busher Jackson, Hank Rowe, Roy Taylor, Gordie Patterson, John Mylrea and Bert Davies and Manager Dave Nicol and Coach Eric Cox.

On behalf of the players Bert Davies thanked the executive of the Dominions for the handsome gift. Other speakers during the evening were Johnny Johnson and Arthur Cox, executive members of the club, and Pete Sallaway, sports editor of The Times.

Vancouver Bowlers Will Travel East

VANCOUVER (CP)—President Ab Forshaw of the Evergreen Playgrounds Bowling Club here announced yesterday a team would be sent to the 40th annual tournament of the American Bowling Congress in Detroit, March 6 and 7.

The team will be composed of five 10-pin players competing in the fives, doubles and singles. Names of the players have not yet been announced.

Boston Takes First Spot In Ice Race

Defendant Art Ross banked today on the cold figures of the National Hockey League standing—and they're not supposed to fib—to counter the arguments of plaintiff Conny Smythe.

The case hit the sports headlines a few nights ago when Smythe brought his Toronto Maple Leafs to Boston. The Leafs' manager inserted a paid advertisement in a Hub paper claiming the Bruins were playing defensive hockey on the road and invited fans out to see "a real hockey team, the Toronto Maple Leafs."

Great was the Russian delight when the Bruins went out and trimmed the Leafs 3 to 2 before the largest crowd of their home season.

Bruins came to Montreal last night for a game against Canadiens, which they won by another 3 to 2 score. Montreal is the home of league president Frank Calder and Ross declared he had asked that a \$1,000 fine be slapped on Smythe because of the advertisement.

Ross stated his demand to Calder was based on a clause in the league constitution which says any officials of any club who give adverse publicity resulting in diminishing the drawing power of a club may be fined.

HAS HURT CROWDS

The Boston leader claimed the ad hadn't helped the crowd any in Leafs' game at Boston the other night and had resulted in only 5,000 fans turning out to watch Bruins beat Canadiens. Ross claims any team which has lost only one in its last 11 games, such as the Bruins, certainly can't be said to be playing defensive hockey on away ice.

The victory over Canadiens, coupled with a 3 to 1 success for Chicago Black Hawks over Toronto Maple Leafs, lifted the Bruins into sole possession of the lead.

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Happy thought! GIVE HIM PHILLIES FOR CHRISTMAS

The refreshing, stimulating fragrance and flavour of Phillies Cigars simply belong with the turkey, plum pudding and other extra-good things that make Christmas merry. Phillies quickly won its place as the largest selling cigar in North America by its unmistakable quality. Sumatra-wrappers—long-filler—richer, ripper tobacco—unchallenged guarantee of a grand smoke. Get Phillies in merry Christmas wrappings, for your men friends from your dealer today.



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WORE JEWELRY OF KING CHARLES

At the opening night at the Lyric Theatre, London, of "Charles the King," Maurice Colbourne's brilliant dramatic spectacle which will be seen here at the Royal Victoria Theatre on Monday and Tuesday, December 25 and 26, Barry Jones, who plays



the name-part, wore jewelry once worn by Charles I. As King Charles went to the scaffold through the window of the fatal room in Whitehall he is said to have whispered to Bishop Juxon, "Remember," the word around which the imagination of Dumas wove a romantic meaning in "Twenty Years After." It was Juxon to whom the king handed a ring and a pair of ruff links as mementoes for his friend Colonel Bowles.

This ring, which holds a miniature of Charles covered by a crystal, and the silver links were given to the king by the ill-fated Marie Henrietta. They were treasured as heirlooms by the Bowles family, and passed from father to son until the line recently became extinct, when the relics were bequeathed to Miss Marianne Jones Bateman of Pentre Manor, who was the nearest blood relation. It was she who lent them to Barry Jones for the London engagement. Such valuable relics of the "White King" were not exposed to the dangers of an Atlantic crossing in this year of grace, as they are unique—for that matter so is Barry Jones.

Farris Brothers To Have Reunion

VANCOUVER (CP)—Four brothers who have become prominent citizens on both sides of the continent will be together for the first time in more than 20 years this Christmas. The reunion will be made when Dr. Hugh Farris arrives here by air plane from Saint John, N.B., to meet Senator J. W. deB. Farris and Wendell Farris, Vancouver lawyers, and Bruce Farris of Great Central, Vancouver Island.

PLAN NATIONAL YOUTH CONCLAVE

Representatives from the major Protestant youth movements in Canada will again participate in the Glenmoor—Inter-denominational Young People's Camp, Ontario, during the week-end of July 1 next summer, according to information received by the Victoria Amsterdam committee today.

In the past, the Christian Youth Conference included many prominent United Church, Church of England, Baptist and other youth leaders, who met during the summer to discuss common problems at the Glenmoor Presbyterian Camp in Beaverton, Ontario.

Following the First World Christian Youth Conference held in Holland this summer, which was attended by four delegates from Vancouver Island, greater interdenominational activity was in evidence all across Canada. Interdenominational conferences are now being considered by the Amsterdam committees in Montreal and Toronto to take place in January.

At the final meeting of the Victoria Amsterdam committee, the finance committee reported the sum of \$16 intended originally for the Baptist delegate has been turned over to help out the expenses of the local Y.M.C.A. delegate.

Over 20 committees throughout Canada have been appointed to assist the National Office in preparing the Canadian report.

Christmas Cheer Broadcast Tonight

With a \$500 object before them, Mayor Andrew McGavin, aldermen, City Hall officials and members of the police and fire departments, will take part in the second Christmas Cheer Fund broadcast this evening at 8 from the Chamber of Commerce auditorium.

The civic officials will be aided by a group of selected entertainers in their effort to raise funds to help needy persons and families of Victoria.

The entertainers to be heard, other than the mayor and aldermen, police and firemen and members of the City Hall staff, are: Miss Maxine High, Miss Elaine Basanta, Bert White, Jack Collins, Lawrence Fildand, Arthur Waldon, Petty Officer Davey and a harmonica and accordion band from H.M.S. Caradoc.

In charge of the program will be Alderman W. H. "Billy" Davies and Bob Smith.

Before the start of the broadcast toys and candy will be distributed to the children and an auction sale of donated merchandise will be held.

ROTARIANS ENJOY MUSICAL PROGRAM

Members of the Rotary Club of Victoria were entertained with a musical program at the annual Christmas dinner held in the Empress Hotel yesterday.

Feature artists on the program were the Elizabethan Singers, a vocal quartet, consisting of Miss Dorothy Parsons, Dudley Wickett and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Townsend, who sang Christmas carols.

Selections were played by the Rotary Club orchestra under the direction of Alfred Prescott. The members joined in the chorus of "O Come, All Ye Faithful."

Rotarian bowling teams who won trophies during the 1939 bowling season, received their awards from Charles F. Banfield on behalf of the members.

Walter Luney, president, was chairman.

FRENCH WAR LOSSES 1,438 MEN TO DEC. 1

PARIS (CP-Havas)—Premier Edouard Daladier told the Chamber of Deputies today that up until November 30 the war had cost France the lives of 1,136 soldiers, 260 sailors and 42 air-men.

The Premier also disclosed that the northern fortifications extending the Maginot Line and those along the Jura mountains on the Swiss frontier, had been completed.

These fortifications, he said, "are not only necessary for the protection of (French) territory but also for the conduct of the war."

25 Years Ago

PARIS — The French War Office this afternoon gave out an official statement as follows: "Between the sea and the Lys, during the day of December 21, there was nothing other than artillery engagements."

LONDON — Preparations for celebrating Christmas are in full swing among the Canadians at Salisbury Plains. Many of them will celebrate it by putting a good many miles between themselves and the camp.

Excellent progress is being made on the laying of the second telephone cable between the Peninsula and Salt Spring Island.

The children of Saanich schools have given over 100 handsome toys, made by themselves, to the benevolent societies of the district for distribution as Christmas gifts among the poor children of the Peninsula.

LARGE AUDIENCE ATTENDS CONCERT

A crowd of 600 persons attended at the Shrine Auditorium Wednesday night to witness a novel and entertaining concert staged by the Imperial Veterans' Association. This was the second annual concert, in which many prominent Victoria artists took part.

James McGrath arranged the program. During the course of the evening an appeal for new members was issued.

Featured artists were: The orchestra, under the direction of Mrs. C. C. Warn, pianist; Gwen Dewar's Scottish dancers, to the accompaniment of the pipes; Alf Adams, comedian; Iris Brooks, song and tap dance; the hillbilly orchestra led by Jack Antrobus; Joan Buckingham, tap dancer; Stan James, comedian; Joy Groves, impersonator, accompanied by Mrs. Groves at the piano; Dudley Wickett, baritone; Ray Hunt, eccentric tap dancer; the Hornby roller skating trio; Miss Bessie Hope; and a group of Irish dancers, directed by Gwen Dewar. Mr. McGrath gave monologues in addition to leading community singing.

CHIEF JUSTICE PAYS TRIBUTE

Tribute to Hon. J. A. Macdonald, former Chief Justice of the British Columbia Appeal Court who died in Victoria Wednesday night, was paid by his successor Chief Justice Archer Martin, in Admiralty Court.

"It is with profound regret that the sad news has come to us of the death of James Macdonald, the Chief Justice of this province and for 28 years the Chief Justice of the Court of Appeal," His Lordship said.

"His many attainments and virtues, professional and otherwise, are so universally recognized that it would almost appear superfluous to refer to them, but as the oldest of his colleagues and the only surviving member of the old Court of Appeal I feel I have this melancholy duty of publicly adding my tribute to those others which will be received from all quarters."

"Out of respect to his memory and to his estimable widow and family, this court will adjourn and hereby tenders its most sincere sympathy and condolence to them."

RELIEF BONUSES

Christmas relief bonuses were distributed at the city welfare office yesterday, providing some slight measure of cheer for homes where Santa Claus worked on a pinched budget and promising some improvement in the table.

During the morning the cash was distributed to 200 of a total of approximately 700 who will receive the gift, provided jointly by the city and the provincial government.

Retiree men, most of them hopeful the new year would provide for them and their families a different means of living, received the bonuses, wishing clerks distributing them the compliments of the season.

In the women's section greetings were a little more cheerful as those for whom the breaks have not been good visualized some extra delicacy, some small object they would buy.

This afternoon the traffic was heavier as men from the work gangs came in to draw their additional allowances.

As in recent years, family units received an additional \$3.20 and, in cases where there were children not cared for by other agencies, \$1 extra for each youngster. The single men and women each were given \$1.20.

Ten of Warsaw's 26 hospitals were destroyed and others badly damaged, the Red Cross reports.

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BUDGET WILL SET RECORD FOR CANADA

OTTAWA (CP)—Government activities have settled down to a Christmas season routine. No cabinet sessions are planned until next week.

The main body of civil servants will enjoy a long week-end, but a great number engaged in essential war activities will have little release from work.

Hon. J. L. Ralston, Finance Minister, is preparing his budget for the parliamentary session which will open January 25. Other departments will be busy preparing estimates for 1940-41, which must be ready to table soon after the House meets.

Ordinarily work on the estimates begins months before the opening, but the pressure of war work has been too great this year

to permit much attention to this task.

With the government ordinarily spending money, in recent years, at the rate of more than \$1,000,000 a day, and now, under war pressure, requiring double that amount as from September 1, next year's appropriations are expected to be the highest ever requested from Parliament.

Coal Economy

LONDON (CP)—The Department of Mines, announcing it had ended the rationing of coal, added that it relied on the public "to continue exercising the utmost economy."

Lancs Labor Mayor MIDDLETON, England — This Lancashire town will have a Labor mayor for the first time in its history when Dr. W. Clegg-Newton is installed. He entered town council as a Liberal in 1913, but later swung to the left.

NO CENSORSHIP FOR HOUSE DEBATES

OTTAWA (CP)—Parliament will be an oasis in a country under wartime censorship when the session opens January 25. Members of the House of Commons and the Senate will be able to speak their minds freely on Canada's war effort without contravening the Defence of Canada regulation, it was learned today.

Speeches of the members will be fully covered by the official Hansard reports and published without the mark of a censor's pencil in the official journal of debates. Newspapers will report the speeches also without interference from the board of censors.

While this contingency is not anticipated, the only form of censorship that may arise in Parliament is when the whole House

decides that a member's remarks should be expunged from the record. In fact, peacetime House rules will prevail despite the war.

Secretary Loses Post

WELLINGTON (CP-Reuters)—The appointment of John A. Lee, member of the New Zealand Parliament for Auckland, as parliamentary secretary to the ministry of finance, was revoked by a notice in the current official gazette.

Walter Nash, finance minister who signed the notice, said "revocation of the appointment was associated with Mr. Lee's writings, which conveyed impressions incompatible with mutual trust and loyalty essential between those who work in close co-operation."

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Happy Vale Pickles, sour or sweet, large 32-oz. jar 25c	Heinz Tomato Ketchup, large bottle 19c
Lynn Valley Peaches, 3s. squat, 2 tins 25c	Bovril or Oxo Cubes, large tin 20c
Maple Leaf Dessert Peas, 3 tins 25c	Spencer's Non-alcoholic Wine; cherry, port, sherry or ginger, large bottle 23c
Glen Valley Peaches, 16-oz. tin 10c	Welch's Grape Juice, large bottle 49c
Spencer's Quality Tea, 1-lb. bag 45c	Medium bottle 25c
Spencer's Fresh-roasted Coffee, per lb. 35c	Small bottle 10c
Ormond's Graham Wafers, 1-lb. pkt. 16c	Country Club Tomatoes, 2s. squat, 3 tins 25c
Ormond's Soda Biscuits, large pkt. 16c	Lunch Hour Cut Green Beans, 17-oz. tins 3 for 25c
Jameson's Tea, 1-lb. pkt. 55c	Country Kist Corn 3 tins 25c
Todd's Horseshoe Salmon, 1/2 lb. tin 19c	Lynn Valley Peas 3 tins 25c
Todd's Tiger Salmon, 1/2 lb. 2 tins 27c	Nabob Pure Straw-berry Jam, 4-lb. tin 45c
Tropic Gold Grapefruit Juice, 13 1/2-oz. tin 7c	Maple Leaf, Five Roses, Royal Household Bread Flour, 49-lb. sack \$1.39
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Oak Bay Heads Undertake Oath

Oak Bay's municipal representatives, elected by acclamation last week, were officially sworn in for the year 1940 by Judge H. H. Shandley in the traditional ceremony in the County Court room today.

Following the function Judge Shandley wished the reeve, councillors and school trustees the compliments of the season and expressed the hope they would enjoy a successful year during the next 12 months.

Reeve R. R. Taylor, introduced by municipal clerk R. F. Blandy, first took the oath of office, pledging himself to an honest, unbiased administration. He was followed by Councillors Leo Grogan, new member of the board, P. A. Gibbs and J. V. Johnson. Next came school trustees R. W. Murdoch and Ernest A. M. Williams.

Trustee Colin P. Rutherford and Police Commissioner W. A. Burnett were absent from the ceremony.

Endorse Resolution Against Loan Limit

The Victoria Chamber of Commerce resolution objecting to the government's proposed move to limit loans under the Dominion Housing Act to a maximum of

\$4,000 each, was endorsed by the Oak Bay Council at its wind-up meeting of the year.

Thanks to the councillors and inside and outside staffs of the municipality and the best wishes of the season, were expressed by Reeve R. R. Taylor.

A grant for \$150 was voted to the Solarium. The sum of \$12.50 was voted to the Civilian Protection Committee.

Relief Drops 25% in B.C.

Unemployment relief rolls of British Columbia in November were 25 per cent below those of a year ago, the provincial relief department reported today.

Extra employment created by the war and jobs provided by municipal improvement schemes were given as the reason for the drop.

The department said 40,729 individuals drew assistance for the month, consisting of 9,203 heads of families, 24,641 dependents and 6,885 single persons.

The total compares with 54,344 persons last November and 56,603 persons in October. There is customarily a seasonal increase in the winter months.

Contract for supplying steel for a bridge at Sandy Cove, Marine Drive, Vancouver, was awarded by the public works department today to Ross & Howard Iron Works Co. Ltd., of Vancouver who submitted the lowest tender, \$884.

TOWN TOPICS

The Victoria Lawn Bowling Club Christmas dinner will be held next Thursday in Spencer's dining-room at 6.45.

H. F. Hephurn was elected vice-president of the British Columbia Royalty Dealers Association at the annual meeting held in Vancouver recently.

No \$50 lots will be sold by the city under its new by-law until arrangements covering the by-law have been approved by the federal Finance Minister, M. K. Crockett, city lands commissioner, stated today.

A permit for a \$700 alteration project was issued to G. H. Twamley by the city building inspector's department today for work on premises at 2640 Wark Street which will be transformed into a three-suite apartment.

The W.A. to Pro-Patria Branch, Canadian Legion, will hold their Christmas tree party in the V.W.I. rooms, 635 Fort Street, tomorrow afternoon at 2.30, for all auxiliary members' children under 12. There will also be a card social in the evening at 8.

Joseph Lennox, who told the magistrate he did not want to be in jail over Christmas, was sentenced to one day's imprisonment when he pleaded guilty in the City Police Court this morning to a charge of creating a disturbance by shouting and swearing.

Victoria branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society acknowledges with thanks the following amounts: St. Barnabas Guild, \$5; Oak Bay Fire Department (additional contribution), \$5; South Salt Spring Red Cross unit (additional contribution), \$84.90; Malvern House School, \$20.10.

Cars driven by Wilfred Butler, 1152 Burdette Avenue, and Rev. Father Joseph A. Gaudette, 740 View Street, were in a collision yesterday at Quadra Street and Pandora Avenue. A city police report said the Gaudette car was damaged when turned on its side. No personal injuries were reported.

Conditional approval was given three requests for building changes by the city's zoning board of appeal yesterday. They covered applications of Mr. and Mrs. S. Homer to add two suites to an apartment at 1350 Pandora Avenue, by Albert Twamley to convert 2640 Wark Street into a three-suite apartment, and by A. W. E. Hayes to construct a home on a narrow lot on Edgware Road.

Moving pictures will be shown by D. Flintoff on December 29, in Gordon Head Hall at 7.30. Proceeds to be given to the Red Cross. This unit has turned in to headquarters some excellent work during the last two months, some 100 ladies of the district taking part in the sewing and knitting. Two home nursing classes a week are also in full swing, with a membership of 36.

Mrs. L. Aylard was fined \$20 when she was convicted in the City Police Court this morning on a charge of driving dangerously. Magistrate Hall said he had viewed the scene of the accident in Beacon Hill Park and thought there must have been negligence on the part of both drivers for an accident to have occurred. He thought the other driver involved should face a similar charge. C. L. Harrison, prosecutor, said the charge would be laid.

A jolly party was held on Thursday evening when children of members of the Victoria West Liberal Social Club gathered for their annual Christmas treat. The hall and tables were gaily decorated and a huge Christmas tree was the centre of attraction. After a sumptuous supper the children played games and danced until the arrival of Douglas Flintoff who entertained them with moving pictures. At the conclusion of the party each child was presented with pop, candy, oranges, and a gift of money.

'HEIL HITLER' ON VICTORIA RADIO

If plans of Alderman W. H. Davies are completed listeners in on the Christmas Cheer broadcast over CPCT, are liable to get a shock tonight. Sometime during the evening they may hear the hysterical voice of Adolf Hitler exhorting his reluctant followers to action with the usual chorus of "Heils" which appear to have no part in a Victoria broadcast to raise funds for the needy. There will be no need for alarm. The number will be a request number by Ernie, visiting British sailor who strokes his locks over his forehead, purses a mustache under his nose and gives a burlesque of the Fuehrer that has convulsed Victoria audiences at informal gatherings. Alderman Davies has been asked to put him on the air and will try to secure his services for tonight's broadcast.

Tars Join Victorians in Having a Barrel of Fun

With "Roll Out the Barrel and We'll Have a Barrel of Fun" as a theme song that perfectly fitted the occasion, visiting marines and sailors mingled with men of the Canadian army and navy last night, toasted each other more like old pals than new chums and enjoyed as convivial an evening as the Bay Street Armories has ever seen.

The concert was presented by the Army and Navy Veterans Arf a Mo Concert Party, but the local entertainers did not try to hog the show. They called on the visitors to present their own talent and the talented singing sailors accepted the invitation with enthusiasm and presented many fine numbers.

It was an evening of laughter and song throughout. There was a spirit of friendliness in the smoke-laden atmosphere with 150 soldiers and marines having a "barrel of fun." The soldiers were members of the 107th Field Battery from Fernie, the 111th Field Battery from Nelson, and the Canadian Scottish, Ottawa Point. Hosts were members of District Depot, M.D. No. 11 and the 13th Field Ambulance, R.C.A.M.C. The affair was arranged by Major H. Davenport of the Ambulance Corps and Capt. G. E. Harrison of the District Depot.

"I hope the Canadian boys over in England are having as much fun as we are having here," Sergeant Morgan of the Royal Marines remarked after the whole gathering had lustily sung "Roll Out the Barrel" which appears to be No. 1 song with the troops in this war, it being sung with more gusto than any other tune. Great War numbers, including "Oh, Oh, It's a Lovely War," however, had a part in the program.

The entertainment menu was Major Russel Ker welcomed the Esquimalt Dramatic Club to the C.R.A. camp at Mary's Hill last night when an enjoyable program of songs, dances and amusing sketches were given to an enthusiastic audience. William Betteridge directed the concert and Mrs. N. Bertucci was the accompanist.

The program was contributed to by: Mrs. A. F. Bayles, E. Jeffery, June Clarke, Muriel Eastwood, Shirley Woodward, Mrs. Doris Pecknold, Miss Jean Drummond, C. Abbot, Mrs. B. Deane-Freeman. The skit, "The Wash-day Chat," by Messrs. Trevor Norman and A. Norman Brown, in women's costume, brought down the house.

Mrs. Deane-Freeman supported by a chorus, sang "Kiss, Kiss, Kiss," while all the cast took part in singing "Foolish Facts," Mrs. J. Pryke was the soloist in a clever Mexican playlet, singing "Mexican Rose" and "Down Mexico Way," while tamborine dances were performed by Miss Wanda Spencer; Mr. Ernest Betteridge, banjo and W. Betteridge, guitar, with the chorus, by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Basanta, Mrs. W. Betteridge, Miss Nancy Molloy, Miss Phyllis Parkinson, Miss Eileen N. Hines, Mr. Joe Pryke and Michael Oliver. Mrs. D. Pecknold was responsible for the dance numbers and Mrs. D. Sullivan assisted with the costumes. Mrs. N. Bertucci in the interval played the guitar songs, which the soldiers sang heartily.

As a result of the success of the Red Cross Players' brilliant production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream," given its final performance last night, the Victoria branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society, under Stewart Clark, are completing plans for a series of entertainments to be given up and down the island for the duration of the war in aid of the Red Cross. The initial appearance of the talented group last night and Wednesday night won an enthusiastic response and augurs well for future productions. Two outstanding people who donated their talents to this production are Carroll Aikins, well-known Canadian director, and Mme. Krastover, noted Swiss theatrical designer, who created the magnificent costumes for the play. They have offered their services for future productions as have many of Victoria's talented actors and actresses.

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)—Three persons were killed, including two babies whose mothers had left them asleep between boxes of gunpowder, in an explosion of a stock of fireworks in Boliva Plaza today.

Unofficial estimates said more than a dozen persons suffered serious injuries.

of the variety that really suited the tastes of the gathering, humorous comedy skits, good singing, jokes and musical numbers. This was the fifth concert the versatile band of Army and Navy Arf a Mo's have given the troops since the outbreak of the war and they are becoming more in demand every day by the boys in khaki.

The most laughable feature on the program was the impersonation of the famous radio and screen duo of Charlie McCarthy and Edgar Bergen, by Alf Jackson and George "Jitney" Ford. The former played the role of Bergen and Ford, the wooden chatterbox of a likeness of Charlie, monadic dummy, equipped with a mask and all. Their humorous jokes and witty chatter nearly brought the house down.

And then there was red-faced and jovial Joe Dobbie whose humorous Scotch songs are always a hit. He was appropriately dressed for the part and had a rich accent that could be cut with a butter knife. He displayed that he was a polished performer, his every appearance drawing a big hand.

Ted Bragge, tap dancer, was popular, being called back for an encore. Impersonations by George Ingledew were very laughable. He led the boys in the song "Oh, Oh, It's a Lovely War." Under his leadership it went over big. Two popular songs by Doug Parks and violin solos by Joe Leatham were given good receptions.

George Ford put on a fine act. Playing the part of a drunk, he sang "Dangerous Dan McGrew" and got comically mixed up. Art Veals contributed two comedy songs and Alf Stafford and Jim Watson delighted the crowd with cornet and saxophone numbers. The latter part of the evening was spent in community singing.

Thieves Loot Store of Cash

Victoria's safe thieves were busy again last night when for the third successive night they entered city premises, but this time they did not steal the safe but ransacked it.

The premises were the grocery store of W. C. Gelling, 1825 Oak Bay Avenue. Entrance was gained by cutting a screen out of a window. Between \$40 and \$50 was taken from the cash register and papers in the safe were scattered about.

The safe stolen from George Mow's garage was found yesterday afternoon on the Millstream Road with the bottom knocked out of it in similar condition to that stolen from B. M. Clarke's drygoods shop, which was recovered in similar condition.

S.A. APPEAL FOR HAMPER FUND

Officials and helpers of the Salvation Army have been busy all week packing Christmas hampers for needy families in Victoria.

Money received from street collections has been responsible for 305 hampers to date with more expected by tomorrow.

Each case dealt with by the army has been fully investigated before the Christmas Cheer committee has consented to send a hamper.

Appeals are being made to the public to donate as freely as possible tomorrow as this is the last day of street collections.

The Salvation Army have lists of needy families on file, and as these will not receive hampers at Christmas, it has been decided by officials to send them during the New Year holiday.

Bishop Cody Presents Awards to Winners

Bishop John C. Cody presented prizes this week to the winners of St. Ann's Academy speech contest. The finals were held in the auditorium as part of the annual Christmas program.

Sheila Dagg was first in Grade 12. She gave a clever burlesque of the Nazi government. Mary Armitage, who spoke on "The Peace of Christmas," was first in Grade 11. Mary Martin, first in Grade 10, told the virtues of giving Christmas cards, with the true significance of Christmas.

VETERAN OF RIEL CAMPAIGN DIES

Alexander Wilson, a pioneer of Saskatchewan and a veteran of the Riel Rebellion, died at an early hour this morning at his home, 1856 Montelth Street, aged 82 years.

Mr. Wilson was born in Ontario, and went to Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, in 1881, being later engaged on construction work for the C.P.R. in the Rockies. He was a veteran of the Riel campaign and took part in the battle of Cutknife. He had been a resident of Victoria for 33 years.

He leaves one daughter, Mrs. Edwin Tomlin of this city, one son, John J. Wilson of Courval, Sask.; two brothers, Richard of Moose Jaw and John of Rothesay, Ontario, and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at St. John's Church tomorrow morning at 11, Canon F. A. P. Chadwick officiating, followed by interment in the family plot in Ross Bay Cemetery. McCall Bros. have charge of the arrangements.

BASSETT—Richard John Bassett died suddenly on Wednesday, aged 82 years. He arrived in Victoria only a few weeks ago to spend the winter. Mr. Bassett was born in Goodrich, Ont., and for many years resided at Gilbert Plains, Man., where he was one of the pioneer farmers. He is survived by one son and two daughters. The remains were forwarded this afternoon by the Thomson Funeral Home to Dauphin, Man., for burial.

BROOKS—Funeral services for Edward T. Brooks will be held in McCall Bros' Funeral Home tomorrow afternoon at 3.30 instead of at 2 as previously arranged. Interment will be in the family plot in Ross Bay Cemetery.

MACDONALD—The funeral of former Chief Justice J. A. Macdonald will be held tomorrow afternoon from Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel at 1.45, proceeding to Christ Church Cathedral, where Bishop Sexton will conduct services at 2. Interment will be in Royal Oak Burial Park.

HODGINS—Rev. H. St. J. Payne conducted services at Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel yesterday afternoon for Lieut. Col. Arthur Edward Hodgins. The First Pioneer Battalion Club was represented by the president, J. C. Rivers, and many of its members who served overseas under Col. Hodgins. The Pro-Patria Branch of the Canadian Legion was represented by Sir Percy Lake and the president and other members. Mrs. Ripley represented the Women's Auxiliary. The following were honorary pallbearers: Col. C. R. Hodgins, William A. Turner, Gen. J. Dunbar, Col. C. C. Bennett, Col. H. C. Carey, Major E. W. Gregg and Charles Williams. The active pallbearers were: Lieut. Col. W. H. Belsion, Capt. Cory-Wood, Capt. G. H. Bevan-Pritchard, Lieut. W. Winkie, Sergt. Major W. Stone and F. Cameron, all being members of the First Canadian Pioneers. Following the services, cremation took place at Royal Oak.

EDMONTON (CP)—Col. T. C. Sims, V.D., former commandant of the Edmonton Garrison and distinguished Edmonton military officer, died in hospital here yesterday following a brief illness. He was 63.

Noted for his work in the interest of Great War veterans, Col. Sims recently entered hospital for his 16th operation for war disabilities.

After leaving the naval services he came to Edmonton where he joined the staff of the Dominion customs department. Later he joined the 101st Edmonton Fusiliers and at the outbreak of the Great War in 1914 he went overseas as a lieutenant. He served in France with the First Battalion, First Division.

WINNIPEG (CP)—W. A. Matheson, 81, who retired 10 years ago as general manager of the Lake of the Woods Milling Company, died last night at his home here. He formerly was president also of the Monarch Life Assurance Company and of the Royal Canadian Securities Company Limited. Colin Matheson of Victoria and Mackenzie Matheson of Vancouver are brothers.

2 Beheaded in Berlin

BERLIN (AP)—Two Germans lost their heads today for high treason, increasing to 41 the number beheaded during the year. They were Reich Scheer, the postal official of Witten, charged with inciting the public against the Nazi government, and Bruno Stanik of Beuthen, accused of providing the Polish intelligence department with secret reports.

BARROW, Alaska (AP)—A measles epidemic has placed this far northern village under quarantine. Every home has been segregated and all church and social programs canceled.

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Little of this sum will be needed for bills. The Red Cross Society therefore will receive practically the total amount.

"It is exceedingly gratifying to receive such support from the public," the store manager said. "I am sure that we will continue to receive co-operation both in the donation of articles and the buying."

The \$1,348 does not include nearly \$100 collected by the Red Cross dog, "Vickey," during the month. The definite amount that the big St. Bernard has collected from street soliciting and through the Royal Bank of Victoria, at the store, has not been determined yet.

The store remained open until 9 last evening and will continue operation until that time this evening and tomorrow evening.

Following New Year's a campaign will be started to replenish the stock for the tourist trade.

U.S.-JAPANESE TALKS AT TOKYO

TOKYO (AP)—"Progress" in the discussion of Japanese-American problems was authoritatively reported at a fourth conversation this afternoon between United States Ambassador Joseph C. Grew and Foreign Minister Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura.

The ambassador was believed to have conveyed in the one-hour talk the American attitude toward the Japanese plan to reopen to foreign commerce the Yangtze River as far as Nanking. Talks are to continue, but no date for the next has been set.

The foreign office later issued a communique saying that both Grew and Nomura "indicated a mutually helpful attitude toward solution of American-Japanese problems."

There was no indication of the extent of the "progress," but observers assumed the whole field of American-Japanese relations was included in the discussions and interpreted optimistically the fact that further conversations were to be held.

Such meetings have become more frequent with the approach of the January 26 expiration date of the trade treaty between the United States and Japan.

German Warplanes Sink British Trawler

OSLO (AP)—Sinking of a British trawler by two German warplanes was disclosed with the arrival of survivors today at Kopervik, Norway.

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None of the new ships, developed by Douglas, has been built. They are an improved model of the DB-7 bombers which Douglas is making for France.

Douglas is working on an order for 270 similar attack bombers placed by France several months ago and is making delivery on the first 100 planes ordered before the war. The order totals some \$27,000,000.

The new British bombers would be slightly smaller than 20 planes Douglas is delivering to Canada, but would be twice as fast.

Goebbels Aids Allies

HOBOKEN, N.J. (AP)—Verdon McKenzie, formerly of Vancouver, now Director of Journalism at the University of Washington and author of a book about Dr. Joseph Goebbels, German Propaganda Minister, arrived from Europe this afternoon with the observation "Goebbels is doing a swell job of propaganda for the Allies."

McKenzie, studying propaganda abroad for seven months, was among 630 passengers aboard the Holland-America liner Veendam. "Goebbels' propaganda has failed, especially in the Balkans and the Arabian countries," McKenzie said. "He always overstates his case and overstates the mark. He shows the old German inability to gauge foreign psychology which was demonstrated in the last war."

BERLIN (AP)—Police today banned "Reaching for the Stars," by the American author Nora Waln. No reason was given. The book deals with life in Nazi Germany.

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and then announces a nationwide
contest to find America's greatest
dancing co-ed. With her he sends
a college-bred secretary (Ann
Rutherford) to take her exams
for her. Then he follows them up
with Artie Shaw's band for the
contest. But the little hooper falls
in love with a college newspaper
editor (Richard Carlson), who
has her kidnapped on the night
of the contest when he learns
who she is and why she is there.
The result is that the secretary
wins the dance contest and like-
wise the chance to star in Holly-
wood.

Deanna Durbin

In New Picture

Deanna Durbin grows up an-
other notch in "First Love,"
which comes to the Capitol The-
atre tomorrow.

Longer skirts, a more adoles-
cent outlook on life, and the first
love affair of her screen career,
are definite elements in the
"growing-up" program which pro-
ducer Joe Pasternak and officials
at Universal studios have decreed
for their young singing star in
this picture.

Deanna gets her first screen
kiss in "First Love." It will not be
of the torrid variety—more of the
young-boy-and-girl kind, but defi-
nitely a kiss. And, as a mark of
the gradual approach of young
ladyhood, Deanna receives her
first proposal of marriage.

Bestower of the kiss and pro-
posal is Robert Stack, a Joe Pas-
ternak "find," who has been play-
ing roles in Little Theatres around
Los Angeles.

OAK BAY THEATRE

When a smart, smug woman
department store executive, who
prizes her feminine independence
above all else, meets a carefree
adventurous sort of fellow who is
sure that she was made to
fall in love with him, romantic
and comic complications without
end ensue in Paramount's
"Honeymoon in Bali," which is
at the Oak Bay Theatre. Madeline
Carroll, as the self-sufficient
executive, meets Fred Mac-
Murray, just returned from Bali.
Fred falls desperately in love with
her, and Madeline reciprocates
his affection, but refuses to admit
it.

Bennett in Ottawa

OTTAWA (CP)—Rt. Hon. R.
B. Bennett, former Prime Min-
ister, arrived in Ottawa today
from Toronto. He planned to
stay only a short while before
leaving for Sackville, N.B., to
spend Christmas with his brother,
Capt. Ronald Bennett, as has
been his custom for some years.
Mr. Bennett, who now makes
his home in England, plans to
return there shortly.

Close in Saanich

Two blocks from street car—room bungal-
ow with 3-piece modern bathroom; gas
laid on; large garage; lot, fruit trees;
garage. Price \$1300—\$500 cash, balance
monthly.

See T. R. MONK

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ATLAS PRESENTS

ROMANTIC COMEDY

"Civilian of Fortune" is the
apt appellation Hollywood has
hung on Robert Cummings, one
of its most colorful on-and-off
screen personalities.

Cummings follows up his re-
cent hit in "Three Smart Girls
Grow Up" with another romantic
comedy role opposite Nan Grey
in Universal's "The Under Pup,"
coming today to the Atlas
Theatre.

The young leading man is pre-
pared for almost any Hollywood
eventuality, having tried a score
of occupations before turning
actor.

Cummings is cast as athletic
director, bus driver, football
player and general handy-man at
a summer camp in I. A. R. Wy-
le's story, "The Under Pup."
Eleven-year-old Gloria Jean, film
newcomer, plays the title role of
an East Side New York girl whose
period as guest at an exclusive
camp accounts for numerous
humorous and heart-breaking sit-
uations.

Joe Pasternak produced and
Richard Wallace directed the
film.

Leon Errol and Ann Rutherford in "Dancing Co-ed" now at
the Dominion Theatre.

ENDS TODAY! WITH "THE SECRET OF DR. KILDARE"
LEW AYRES • LIONEL BARRYMORE

TOMORROW! (SATURDAY) FOR 3 DAYS
DEANNA'S IN LOVE!

THE MOST EXCITING EVENT IN HER LIFE!
... THE MOST ENJOYABLE EXPERIENCE IN
YOURS!

Singing Songs You Want to Hear!
A SHOW OF GAITY... OF JOY... OF
NEW HAPPINESS!



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AT
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Deanna Durbin
FIRST LOVE

with
Helen PARRISH • Robert STACK
Eugene PALLETTE • Lewis HOWARD
June Storey • Leatrice Joy
Marcia Mae Jones • Charles Coleman

EXTRA! SPECIAL MARCH OF
TIME FEATURETTE!
MIGHTY! THRILLING! SPECTACULAR!

"BATTLE FLEETS OF BRITAIN"

THE COMPLETE ACTIVITIES OF THE MIGHTIEST
FIGHTING FORCE AFLOAT FILMED WITH THE PER-
MISSION AND CO-OPERATION OF THE BRITISH
ADMIRALTY!

SEE HOW BRITAIN
MAINTAINS HER SEA
SUPREMACY!

GIVE THEATRE TICKETS
FOR CHRISTMAS!

CAPITOL

CADET THEATRE
Edgar Rice Burroughs' famous
characters come again to the
talking screen with the reunion
of Johnny Weissmuller and
Maureen O'Sullivan in "Tarzan
Finds a Song" drama of the
African wilds now playing at the
Cadet Theatre.

The new story introduces an
added character. There is now a
junior Tarzan, played by five-
year-old John Sheffield, Amer-
ica's most amazing boy athlete,
who swings on vines, swims
under water and otherwise dupli-
cates all the feats of the elder
Tarzan.



GERMAN FREIGHTER AT FLORIDA DOCK AFTER CHASE—Her stern warped against a dock at Port Everglades, Fla., the German freighter Arauca, rests after being chased up the Florida coast by the British cruiser Orion. The 5,414-ton Nazi vessel took refuge inside the U.S. three-mile zone in water 25 miles above Miami.

German Vessel Held By U.S.

FORT LAUDERDALE, Florida (AP)—Eight U.S. coastguardsmen watched over the German freighter Arauca today, after the vessel, fugitive from a British warship, was placed under a federal libel attachment by a Texas sugar company.

The guardsmen marched aboard the Arauca last night after a navy detachment from the U.S. destroyer Philip had searched the vessel.

The British cruiser Orion, which fired a shot across the Arauca's bow and chased her into Port Everglades on Tuesday, continued to hover offshore.

\$38,541 CLAIM

The libel action, growing out of a \$38,541.72 claim against the Hamburg-American Line, was filed at Miami.

"We hurried this action," said James Dixon, Miami attorney for the sugar company, "because we were afraid the crew would take the ship outside the harbor and sink her before they would submit to capture by the British."

Houston attorneys for the Imperial Sugar Company of Texas said the Hamburg-American Line demanded and was paid the \$38,541.72 in freight charges before permitting three of its ships to give up their cargoes in Sumatra and South America.

The vessels, en route from the Philippines to Galveston when the war started, had fled to neutral ports, and the sugar company had

to complete delivery in other vessels at additional cost.

The Arauca left Vera Cruz, Mexico, last Thursday for Germany with a general cargo of phosphates, hides and sisal fibre. Washington officials said yesterday the ship, as a merchantman, could stay here indefinitely.

H.M.S. Orion was a visitor to Esquimalt last summer. With Capt. H. R. G. Kinahan in command, she arrived from the West Indies June 2 and spent several days in the harbor before visiting Vancouver, Seattle and other Pacific Northwest ports.

Around the Docks

Special Ships Will Handle Holiday Rush

Anticipating heavy travel at the Christmas season, the B.C. Coast Service has planned a number of extra sailings between the mainland and Vancouver Island, for the convenience of the many hundreds who will go a-visiting over the holidays.

Many more people will come to Victoria for the week-end than will leave the city. At least 500 persons will arrive from Seattle, the first contingent being due tomorrow at 1 on Ss. Princess Kathleen.

Tomorrow night, from Vancouver, Ss. Princess Norah will join Ss. Princess Elizabeth to handle all the Vancouver people coming here for Christmas. To return them Tuesday night two boats have also been placed on the mid-night sailing.

Princess Elizabeth will make a

special trip between Vancouver and Nanaimo tomorrow, leaving Vancouver at 2 p.m., arriving at Nanaimo at 4.30, leaving Nanaimo 6 p.m. and reaching Vancouver at 8.30. This trip will be in addition to the regular service provided by Ss. Princess Elaine.

Victorians are going traveling, too, and the first large crowds left this afternoon for Seattle and Vancouver.

Princess Norah will have Christmas in her home port and will sail for Alaska next Thursday evening. Princess Adelaide, originally due in Vancouver from Prince Rupert Christmas morning, will be speeded up to reach port at 10 p.m. Monday. Princess Mary will arrive here Christmas night from Vancouver and the Gulf Islands. Princess Maquinn will spend Christmas in Quatsino Sound on the west coast of Vancouver Island.

Canadian National Ss. Prince Rupert, which ordinarily leaves Vancouver at 9 p.m. on Mondays for the north, will not depart Christmas Day until midnight.

PANAMA REGISTRY

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States Commerce Department said yesterday 48 vessels had been placed under Panama registry this year, probably as a result of the war. The original nationality of the ships was not indicated. Panama now has 166 ships registered.

MAY SELL SHIPS

HOUSTON, Texas (AP)—James M. Lykes, president of the Lykes Brothers Steamship Company, said last night the company is negotiating with Great Britain for the sale of a part of the company's fleet. Lykes said a condition of the sale would be that the buyer keeps the ships in the Gulf-to-Europe trade.

The 410-foot Wind Rush left New York December 9 for Los Angeles and San Francisco. She put in at Philadelphia on December 11 and sailed December 15.

Owned by the Shepard Steamship Company, she was built in 1918 at Portland, Ore., and was formerly named the Westbrook. She is registered at Portland, Me. Shepard said the line had been having labor trouble.

"We can't possibly imagine what would start a fire in that hold," he added. "We are suspicious that labor trouble has resulted in sabotage."

He said the hold contained a cargo of wire fencing, furniture, drugs, some cotton goods, but nothing of a combustible nature. Firemen in Cristobal have been asked to keep the ship at its dock.

26 Rawalpindi Crew Safe in Germany

LONDON (CP)—Parents of Robert MacBey, a sailor aboard the British merchant cruiser Rawalpindi when she was sunk by the German pocket battleship Deutschland southeast of Iceland last November 26, were informed by the Admiralty last night that their son is alive and well in a German prison camp. A Berlin communique November 28 said the Deutschland was able to save 26 of the Rawalpindi crew.

LONDON (AP)—Mrs. Rose Kent, whose husband was aboard the armed British merchant cruiser Rawalpindi when it was sunk a month ago in a sea battle with the German pocket battleship Deutschland, dreamed that her husband was alive.

Today she received a postcard saying he was safe, although a prisoner of war, in Germany.

Wheat

WINNIPEG (CP) General lack of support, together with selling prompted by forecasts of moisture in the dry United States winter wheat belt, weakened wheat futures prices 2½ to 2½ cents on Winnipeg Grain Exchange today. December closed at 83½, May 87½ to 87½ and July 88½.

Most of the liquidation appeared to come from commission houses and Winnipeg traders, presumably in connection with preholiday profit-taking.

Coarse grain trading was quiet apart from a little export and mill support in oats. Cash wheat operations remained dull.

Western farmers delivered 520,000 bushels of wheat to country loading points yesterday against 294,000 unloaded on the same day a year ago.

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CHICAGO (AP)—Wheat prices slumped about 3 cents a bushel today as selling pressure increased due to prospects of some moisture relief in drought areas of the winter wheat belt.

Pre-Christmas profit-taking was encouraged by the moisture forecast and revival of European peace talk.

Wheat closed 2½ to 2½ lower than yesterday, May \$1.03½ to \$1.03, July \$1.00½ to \$1.00½. Corn ¼ to ½ down, May 57½ to 57½, July 58½; oats ¼ to ½ lower.

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Aircrafts Lead Rally

NEW YORK (AP)—Stock market traders looked longingly for Santa Claus today but generally he proved to be the "little man who was not there."

Aircrafts led a mild recovery move at one time, and scattered specialties gave a good account of themselves. On the other hand, numerous leaders hovered in the neighborhood of Thursday's final levels and the majority of gains was limited to small fractions.

Reinvestment buying was a stabilizing influence, brokers said, but it was hardly strong enough to more than partially offset further tax selling. The latter, though, was believed to be nearing the end.

Transfers approximated 700,000 shares.

Among the better stock performers were Douglas Aircraft, United Aircraft, Boeing, Distillers Corp., Seagrams, Loew's, Union Carbide, American Can, Santa Fe, Union Pacific, Public Service of New Jersey, Sears Roebuck, J. I. Case and Caterpillar Tractor.

Steels, motors, oils, utilities and coppers shifted over a slim groove.

Bonds were moderately steady and most European securities markets registered improvement.

Dow Jones' averages closed today as follows:

30 Industrials 149.59, up .49
20 rails 51.44, up .24
15 utilities 34.98, up .04
40 bonds 89.21, up .01
Total sales, 720,000.

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OUR BOARDING HOUSE, with Major Hoople



OUT OUR WAY—

By Williams



Uncle Ray

Folding of Rock Made Many Mountains

As a traveler roams over the earth, he crosses mountains from time to time. Mountains are great risings of the land, and are found on every continent, also on certain islands.

Long, careful study has brought out many facts about mountains. We know that most of them arose from motion in the crust of the earth.



The skin of an orange may be compared to the earth's crust. When an orange dries up, the skin becomes wrinkled, and we may fancy we are looking at little mountains and valleys.

Scientists are not certain why the earth's crust has been rising and falling, but they know it has been happening. Rock layers on many mountain tops contain shells, fish skeletons and other remains of ocean life. It is clear that such mountains once were at the bottom of an ocean or sea.

Folding of rock layers has gone on. Pressures inside the earth have forced the rock layers high into the air, and in that way have made mountains.

The Alps, the Rocky mountains and the Appalachians were made partly by folding of rock layers. The Rockies are "younger" than the Appalachians but even so they existed for vast ages.

Most mountains have been made by the pushing up of rock layers, but this is not true of all of them. There once was a great plateau where the Catskill mountains stand. It was high, but at most level, on the top.

Since then, the action of water has cut down many parts. Streams and rivers have "carved it up" through the ages, leaving hills and small mountains. It is possible today to locate rock layers in one Catskill peak which match closely with the layers in a peak across the valley.

Other mountains have been made by volcanoes. Mount Vesuvius in Italy was built up in that way. It is a great cone more than 3,800 feet high.

Several peaks in the Andes mountains have been built largely by eruptions of volcanoes. One of these is Aconcagua, which rises to a height of four and a half miles above sea level. Africa also has a lofty peak which was formed largely by volcanoes. It is named Kilimanjaro, and is 19,321 feet high.

HOROSCOPE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

Benefic aspects dominate today, but adverse influences are active. In the early morning there may be a sense of depression. It is a rule most favorable to constructive planning.

Girls will find this a disappointing swag for meeting young men. Romance will not flourish under this configuration which favors platonic friendship and intellectual companionship. The evening is promising for social affairs. The week-end should be memorable for delightful hospitalities.

Last moment holiday buying should be brisk today. The stars smile upon jewelers and other luxury merchants. Women will appreciate their blessings more than ever and will center attention on homemaking and home-beautifying.

Confidential information regarding the aims of a foreign power will stimulate the United States toward strong measures of defence. Threatening events are forecast for the Orient as well as Europe. The Canadian navy will see extraordinary service in the Pacific as well as the Atlantic Ocean.

Treachery and double-dealing will mark the war in 1940. Mussolini will follow a conservative program and be less sympathetic toward Hitler and Stalin who may become enemies before many months pass.

Persons whose birthdate it is have the augury of a year of happiness and progress. Business should be satisfactory and leisure hours more numerous.

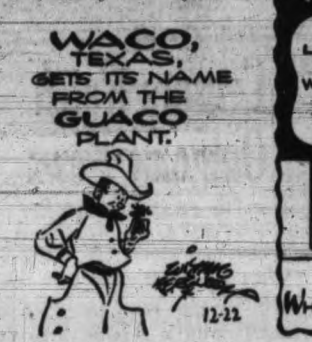
Children born on this day probably will be of a good disposition, but persistent and determined; usually magnetic in personality. These subjects of Capricorn are exceedingly popular.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson



WACO, TEXAS, GETS ITS NAME FROM THE GUACO PLANT.



ANSWER: Whale. Not only is it the largest living animal, but the largest ever known to exist.

Dorothy Dix's Letter Box

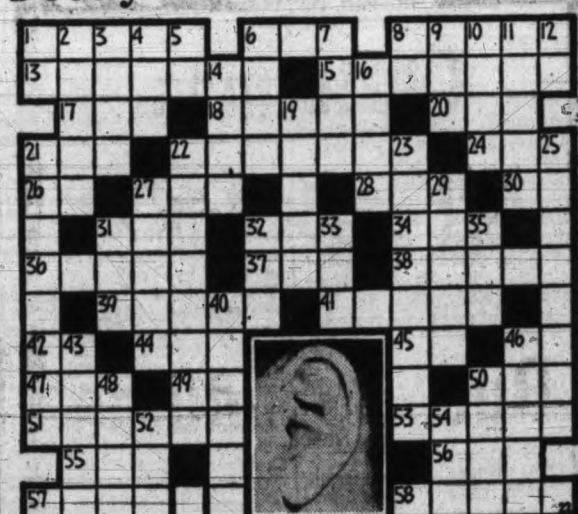
DEAR DOROTHY DIX—What can a wife do with a husband who swears and throws things and breaks up the furniture if anything goes wrong in the home or he has had a bad day at the factory? For 12 years I have been trying to solve the riddle I am married to and find out what makes him act the way he does; whether he doesn't like me, or doesn't like marriage, or what's the matter. When we are at home alone at night he never speaks to me. If friends drop in for cards he is pleasant enough to them, but after they are gone he tells me that I have just been showing off by bringing in some sandwiches and coffee. When his friends come to dinner he spends the evening making fun of me, deriding my figure, my walk and how much money I spend. It is hard to keep the tears back and put on a front, and I feel I cannot do it much longer. Do you think my husband wants me to leave him? Is he trying to drive me away? And if he isn't why does he treat me as he does? I would rather go and make my own living than to stand what I do.

ANSWER—Many husbands use their wives as escape valves for all the bottled-up temper and nerves and irritability that they dare not show the outside world. It is a mean thing for a man to go home and give his innocent wife the beating he would have liked to have given to some brawny giant he dared not touch, but a lot of them do it. The most grinding domestic tyrant I ever knew was a little man who quaked with terror when his boss spoke to him and who didn't call his soul his own in the office where he worked.

Many a man takes his revenge at the way the world treats him by mistreating his wife, and many a man inflates his own ego by deriding and ridiculing his wife before people and showing how superior he is to her. So because your husband treats you the way he does is no sign that he regrets being married to you or wants to get rid of you. Probably, on the contrary, he finds you necessary to his comfort and happiness, because you not only make him a comfortable home, but you afford him an outlet for his spleen. Being amiable, you are a grand punching bag and don't come back as a high-tempered woman would, with a few licks of her own.

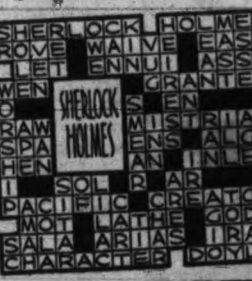
DOROTHY DIX.

Today's Crossword Puzzle



- HORIZONTAL**
- 1 Pictured is an
 - 6 It is called the
 - 8 Its external part, the auricle or
 - 13 Wasps.
 - 15 Resembling the rainbow.
 - 17 To assist.
 - 18 Corner.
 - 20 To recede.
 - 21 Hops kiln.
 - 22 Astral.
 - 24 Drunkard.
 - 26 Street.
 - 27 Public taxi.
 - 28 Soft food.
 - 30 Near.
 - 31 Fuel.
 - 32 Constant companion.
 - 34 Knob.
 - 36 Torpid.
 - 37 Wine vessel.
 - 38 To sink suddenly.
- VERTICAL**
- 1 Sound of surprise.
 - 2 To bake meat.
 - 3 Sand.
 - 4 Conjunction.
 - 5 New England.
 - 6 Domestic slave.
 - 7 Streamlet.
 - 8 3,1416.
 - 9 Fish.
 - 10 Coffee beans.
 - 11 Indian.
 - 12 Indefinite article.
 - 14 Makes lace.
 - 16 To harvest.
 - 19 Glow.
 - 21 Its chain of small bones.
 - 22 Supports.
 - 23 Redeemed.
 - 25 The ear drum.
 - 27 Exposed.
 - 29 Beat of arteries.
 - 31 Diamond.
 - 32 Dance step.
 - 33 To drink dog-fashion.
 - 35 To purchase.
 - 40 Stair posts.
 - 43 Rugged mountain crest.
 - 46 Exultant.
 - 48 Virginia willow.
 - 50 Exploit.
 - 52 Queer.
 - 54 Fish eggs.

Answer to Previous Puzzle



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(Continued From Page 8)

first place in the standing for the first time this season. At the same time, New York Americans went into a sixth-place tie with Detroit by blanking the Red Wings 3 to 0 in the night's other scheduled game.

The star of the Boston victory—giving the club a record of eight wins, two draws and a loss in their 11 contests—was Duff Clapper. The defence also scored the first and last goals, getting the winner a little more than a minute after Louis Trudel had tied the count at 2 to 2 in the third period.

The surprising Black Hawks jumped into a three-goal lead in the first period, and were never caught. Mush March started them on their way with a goal in the 12th minute and Earl Seibert, who had aided in the tally, made it 2 to 0 less than a minute later. Joe Cooper finished off the Hawks scoring in the last minute of the session.

The best Leafs could do after that was a score by Murphy Chamberlain with little over a half-minute left of the second period. Americans' victory meant the ninth straight game without a win for the Red Wings. Americans were paced by Eddie Wiseman, Charlie Conacher and Neil Stewart. Wiseman and Conacher each picked up a goal and an assist, while Stewart figured in each of their tallies. Tommy Anderson scored the third American goal midway through the final period.

Summaries follow:

BOSTON—CANADIENS
First period—1, Canadiens, Gelliffe (Gouppille), 8:37. Penalty: Bauer.

Second period—2, Boston, Clapper (Pettenger, Jackson), 4:33; 3, Boston, Schmidt (Pettenger), 16:28. Penalty: Shewchuk.

Third period—4, Canadiens, Trudel (Blake, Drouin), 15:25; 5, Boston, Clapper (Schmidt, Dumart), 16:51. Penalties: Mantha, Shewchuk, Clapper.

CHICAGO—TORONTO
First period—1, Chicago, March (Selbert), 11:46; 2, Chicago, Selbert (Bentley, Thoms), 12:34; 3, Chicago, Cooper, 19:17. Penalty: Church.

Second period—4, Toronto, Chamberlain (Apps), 19:25. Penalties: Church, Hergesheimer, Schriner, Bentley, Chamberlain, McDonald, Stanowski, Selbert.

Third period—Scoring: None. Penalties: Kelly, Allen.

AMERICANS—DETROIT
First period—1, Americans, Wiseman (Conacher, Stewart), 6:22; 2, Americans, Conacher (Wiseman, Stewart), 7:51. Penalties: Goodfellow, Field.

Second period—Scoring: None. Penalty: Conacher.

Third period—3, Americans, Anderson (Murray), 9:14. Penalty: Anderson.

EDMONTON—Russian-Canadians, members of the Russian Workers' Farmers' Clubs in Alberta, have adopted a declaration offering full support for Britain, France and Poland in the "war against Hitlerism," calling on its members to "defend Canadian democracy."



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Censors Watch Outgoing News

By FRANK FLAHERTY

OTTAWA (CP)—Canada, in common with other belligerent nations, takes steps to see that information about its forces and general war activity does not reach the enemy if it is considered that such information would be useful to the enemy.

Generally speaking, all news exchanged between countries passes through a censorship and the censorship on news passing from one country to another is stricter than that on news originating in and published in Canada.

Thus news dispatches coming to Canada from the United Kingdom pass the British censors. Those coming from France pass the French censors. Germany and Russia have their own long-standing and effective means of seeing that undesirable information does not leave their shores.

The Canadian censorship authorities keep watchful eye on news leaving Canada by cable, wireless and mail but put the responsibility for censoring news within Canada on the agencies distributing the news, the newspapers, news agencies and radio stations.

Thus censorship of domestic news is a voluntary matter, subject to regulations and instructions issued in advance, whereas news passing out of or into the country must be approved in advance by some censorship authority, unless it comes from some country like the United States which maintains no censorship.

FROM UNITED STATES

The proximity of Canada to the United States, a neutral country with no restrictions and large, widely-circulated newspapers and magazines, puts Canada in a peculiar position.

Occasionally news originating in Germany may reach the United States which is objectionable from a Canadian point of view, either because it is false or misleading. Sometimes, also, news may be published in United States papers concerning ship movements into or out of Canadian and United States ports or about naval operations which cannot be published in Canada.

United States publishers as well as Canada have co-operated with the Canadian authorities, which can not be named at this stage but which are widely sold in Canada, for a time carried comment and other material which could not be published in Canada.

On being told this was unfair to Canadian publishers and injurious to Canada's war effort they voluntarily dropped such material.

CAMERA CLUB

A regular meeting of the British Columbia Civil Service Camera Club was held Wednesday evening in the clubrooms in the "Old Deanery" on Burdett Street.

George J. Alexander presided during the brief business session. Cpl. J. A. Young of the Provincial Police projected a number of Agafacolor and Kodachrome transparencies from his own collection as well as from the collections of R. L. Colby and Mr. Alexander. A great many "scenics" came under discussion and some close-up flower studies showed the versatility of color photography. Butchart's gardens proved excellent subject for several interesting transparencies.

The next meeting of the club will be held on Wednesday, January 17, and members have been asked by G. Armstrong, chairman of the program committee, to bring examples of their photography work to this meeting for group study.

Radio Programs

Tonight

Don't Forget—KOMO.
Frank and Archie—KJR.
News—KGO, KVI.
Trent's Children—CBR.
Ranger's Cabby—CJOR.
Ricardo and Violin—KPO at 5:15.
Time M—KJR, KGO at 5:15.

5:30
Musical Vignettes—KOMO.
3. Teacher—KPO.
Richings in Brass—KJR, KGO.
Mary Foster—KNX.
Finlandia—CBR.
Jack Armstrong—KOL.
News—KIRO, KNX, KVI at 5:45.
Winter Drama—KIRO, KNX, KVI at 5:55.
Orphan Annie—KOL at 5:55.

6
Waltz Time—KOMO, KPO.
Plantation Party—KJR, KGO.
Professor Quiz—KIRO, KNX, KVI.
Trolley Trimmings—CBR.
Adventures—KOL at 6:15.

6:30
George Jessel Variety—KOMO, KPO.
News—KJR, KGO.
Cavalcade of Hits—KGO.
First Nighter—KIRO, KNX, KVI.
Christmas Carols—CBR.
Night Club—CJOR.
Winter Drama—KIRO, KNX, KVI at 6:45.
Orphan Annie—KOL at 6:45.

7
Records—KOMO, KPO.
Judy Young—KJR, KGO.
Grand Central Station—KIRO, KNX, KVI.
Woodhouse and Hawkins—CBR.
News—KJR, KGO.
Light Up—CJOR at 7:15.

7:30
Young Man with Band—KIRO, KNX, KVI.
Canada at War—CBR.
Lone Ranger—KOL.
Radio Ranch—KPO.
Turner's Orchestra—CBR at 7:45.
Self Help—CJOR at 7:45.

8
First Nighter—KIRO, KNX, KVI.
Amos 'n' Andy—KIRO, KNX, KVI.
News—CBR, CJOR.
Judy Young—KJR, KGO at 8:15.
Lum and Abner—KIRO, KNX, KVI at 8:15.
Radio Ranch—KPO at 8:15.
Amos 'n' Andy—KIRO, KNX, KVI at 8:15.

8:30
Death Valley Days—KOMO, KPO.
Johnny Green—KIRO, KNX, KVI.
Message—CBR.
Haydn's Orchestra—KOL.
Radio Ranch—KPO.
Himmler's Orchestra—KJR, KGO at 8:45.
Murphy's Orchestra—KOL at 8:45.

9
Held's Orchestra—KOMO.
Snow White—KGO.
Kate Smith—KIRO, KNX, KVI.
Waltz—CBR.
Hollywood—CJOR.
Judy Young—KJR, KGO at 9:15.
Charles Hovey—CJOR at 9:15.

9:30
University Explorer—KPO.
City of St. Francis—KGO.
Christmas Carols—CBR.
Radio Ranch—KPO.
Music by Woodbury—KPO at 9:45.
Community Sing—KPO, KGO at 9:55.
Fulton Lewis—KGO at 9:55.

10
News—KOMO, KPO, KIRO, KNX, KVI.
Marty's Orchestra—KGO, CBR.
Waltz—CBR.
Radio Ranch—KPO.
Cardo Smiley—CJOR.
Olympic Orchestra—KVI at 10:20.

10:30
Noble's Orchestra—KOMO.
McDonald's Orchestra—KGO.
Noble's Orchestra—KGO.
News—CJOR.
Whispering Tanya—KIRO, KNX, KVI at 10:45.
Van's Orchestra—KOL at 10:45.
Melody—CJOR at 10:45.

11
Nottingham's Orchestra—KOMO, KPO.
News—KJR, KGO, KIRO, KNX, KVI, CBR, KOL.
Lone Ranger—KOL.
Bill Sabransky—KVI at 11:15.
Young's Orchestra—KOL at 11:15.

11:30
Loveland's Orchestra—KOMO, KPO.
Blyer's Orchestra—KVI.
Bill Sabransky—CBR.
Baker's Orchestra—KOL.

Tomorrow

7:30
News—KJR, KNX.
Minutes—CBR.
Child Grows Up—KJR at 7:45.
Devotions—CBR at 7:45.

8
Van Family—KOMO.
Cloutier's Orchestra—KJR, KGO.
News—KJR, KGO, CBR, KOL.
Airplane Club—KOL.
Ray McDonald—KOMO, KPO at 8:15.
Ranch Boys—CJOR at 8:15.

8:30
Glen Hurhuri—KPO.
Hilda Hope—KPO.
Our Barn—KGO.
New England Concert—KIRO.
Tempo Time—KJR.
U.S. Army Band—KOL.
Choir—KOL.
Dorothy Lee—KOMO at 8:45.
Saturday Party—KNX at 8:45.

9
Collegiate Choir—KOMO, KPO.
School Symphony Orchestra—CBR.
News—KJR at 9:30.
Country Journal—KIRO, KVI, at 9:15.
Gospel Clinic—CJOR at 9:15.

9:30
Call to Youth—KOMO, KPO.
Firm and Home—KOMO, KPO.
Let's Pretend—KIRO, KNX, KVI.
Children's Scrapbook—CBR.
Gould's Orchestra—KOL.

10
Buss's Orchestra—KOMO, KPO.
What Price America—KIRO, KNX, KVI.
Under the Big Top—CBR.
Celebrating All Stamp Collectors—KOMO, KPO at 10:15.
Stock Quota—CBR at 10:15.

10:30
Deep River Boys—KVI.
Three-quarter Time—KJR, CBR.
University Life—KOL.
Words and Music—KOMO at 10:45.
Metropolitan Opera—KJR, KGO, CBR, 10:45.

11
Kinney's Orchestra—KOMO, KPO.
Brush Creek Polka—KIRO, KNX, KVI.
News—CJOR.
Concert Orchestra—KOL at 11:15.
Melodrama—CJOR at 11:15.

11:30
Music Stylized For You—KOMO, KPO.
Ellor's Melodrama—KIRO, KNX, KVI.
Hayride—KOL.
Vera Brodsky—KIRO, KNX, KVI, 11:45.

12
Golden Melodies—KOMO, KPO.
Choral Ensemble—KIRO, KNX, KVI.
Feather's Orchestra—KOL.
Six Melodrama—CJOR at 12:15.

12:30
Brisset's Orchestra—KOMO, KPO.
News—KIRO, KNX, KVI, CBR.
Borne's Orchestra—KOL at 12:45.

1
Campus Capers—KOMO, KPO.
Bill Sabransky—KJR, KVI.
Songs Sweetheart—KOL.

1:30
KSTP Presents—KOMO, KPO.
Christmas Carols—KIRO, KNX, KVI.
Borr's Ensemble—KOL.

Headliners Tonight

5:30—Etchings—KJR, KGO.
6:00—Waltz Time—KOMO, KPO.
6:00—Plantation Party—KJR, KGO.

6:00—Professor Quiz—KIRO, KNX, KVI.

6:30—George Jessel—KOMO, KPO.

6:30—First Nighter—KIRO, KVI, KNX.

7:00—Davis vs. Larkin—KJR, KGO.

7:00—Woodhouse and Hawkins—CBR.

7:30—Man with Band—KIRO, KNX, KVI.

8:00—Fred Waring—KOMO, KPO.

8:30—Death Valley—KOMO, KPO.

8:30—Johnny Green—KNX, KVI, KIRO.

9:00—Kate Smith—KIRO, KNX, KVI.

News
5:00—KGO, KVI; 5:45—KIRO, KNX, KVI; 5:55—KIRO, KNX, KVI; 6:30—KJR, KOL; 7:00—KOL, CJOR; 8:00—CBR, CJOR; 9:00—KOL; 9:30—KJR; 9:45—KOL; 10:00—KOMO, KPO, KIRO, KNX, KVI; 10:30—CJOR; 11:00—KJR, KGO, KIRO, KNX, CBR, KOL.

Network Stations
KOMO (920), KPO (680), KFI (640)—National Red.
KJR (970), KGO (790)—National Blue.
KIRO (710), KNX (1,050), KVI (560)—Columbia.
KOL (1,270)—Mutual.
CBR (1,100)—Canadian.

2
Christmas Carols—KOMO.
Concert Orchestra—KIRO, KNX, KVI.
News—CBR.
Courtney's Orchestra—KOMO, KPO at 2:15.

2:30
Carter's Orchestra—KJR.
Duchin's Orchestra—KIRO, KNX, KVI.
Haydn's Quartette—CBR.
Uncle Don—KOL.
Radio Ranch—KPO.
Christmas Shopping—KOMO, KPO at 2:45.
Pros and Cons—CBR at 2:45.

3
Kindergarten—KOMO, KPO, CBR.
McGee's Orchestra—KGO.
News—KIRO, KNX, KVI.
Church Choir—KOL.
Albert Warner—KIRO, KNX, KVI at 3:05.
New Wynn—KIRO, KNX, KVI at 3:15.
Interlude—CBR at 3:15.

3:30
Renfrew of the Mounted—KGO.
What's Art to Be—KIRO, KNX, KVI.
Three Live Wires—CBR.
Haglund's Orchestra—KOL.
Today in Europe—KIRO, KNX, KVI at 3:45.
Serenade—CBR at 3:45.

4
Message of Israel—KJR, KGO.
People's Platform—KIRO, KNX, KVI.
Stylized by Melvyn—KOL.
Concert Orchestra—KOL.
Light's Orchestra—KOL at 4:15.

4:30
Art For Your Sake—KOMO.
Orchestra—KJR, CBR.
By Blazens—KIRO, KNX, KVI.
Trio—KOL.
Ricardo—CBR at 4:45.

CECT, VICTORIA—1,400 Kilohertz
Tonight
5:00—Monitor.
5:10—Music.
5:30—Serenade.
5:45—Salvation Army.
6:15—Birthdays.
Tomorrow
8:00—Salute.
8:15—News.
8:30—Chronometer.
9:00—Classics.
9:30—Finances.
9:45—Music.
10:00—Monitor.
10:10—Melody Lane.
10:30—Festivities.
10:45—Tops.
11:30—At Random.

50 Injured in Riot in India

LUCKNOW, India (CP)—Fifty persons were injured in rioting today at Gorakhpur, United Provinces, when Moslems offering thanksgiving day prayers objected to a Hindu procession passing their mosque.

Mohammed Ali Jinnah, president of the All-India Muslim League, had asked Moslems to set aside December 22 as "a day of deliverance and thanksgiving" to mark the end of Congress Party ministries in eight provincial governments.

These ministries resigned in protest against the British government's announcement that the question of Indian Dominion status would be put aside until after the war. The Congress Party is predominantly Hindu.

Jinnah asked his followers to condemn the Congress Party ministers on the ground they had not safeguarded Moslem interests.

Grace's Back
SOUTHAMPTON, England—Grace Fields, British music hall star, has returned from the Isle of Capri, where she was convalescing after an operation. She has gone to her home at Peacehaven.

Covent Curtailed
LONDON—Trading in Long Covent Garden is to be confined between sunrise and sunset, to prevent lights being shown after dark. Selling normally extends from 4 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Indian First in
CARDSTON, Alta.—Gordon Bird, an Indian from the Blood Reserve was the first to enlist in the local unit of the Canadian Army Service Corps when the recruiting office opened here.

British Sub Commander Promoted; Heroes Decorated



H.M.S. SALMON—One of Britain's smaller undersea craft of 670 tons but at present her most famous.

LONDON (CP)—Lieutenant Commander E. O. Bickford of the submarine Salmon, which sank a U-boat, torpedoed two German cruisers and let the Bremen pass, has been promoted to the rank of commander and awarded the Distinguished Service Order.

Eleven others of the submarine's crew have been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross or the Distinguished Service Medal.

The Salmon's normal complement is about 45.

The Admiralty's announcement said in part:

"Lieut. Commander Bickford was in command of H.M. submarine Salmon during the brilliant war patrol in which she succeeded in totally destroying an enemy submarine and torpedoing at least one cruiser.

"His Majesty has also been graciously pleased to approve the following awards to officers and men of H.M.S. Salmon:

"The Distinguished Service Cross—Lieut. Maurice Fairfax Wykeham Martin, first lieutenant and torpedo officer; Lieut. Robin Hugh Mayliss Hancock, Owen Felton Lancaster, warrant engineer.

"Distinguished Service Medal—Petty Officer William George Taylor, submarine coxswain;

Petty Officer Thomas Henry Worsfold, torpedo gunner's mate; Norman James Hill, engineroom artificer; Petty Officer Telegraphist Kenneth Barron, Chief Electrical Artificer William Arthur Lushmore, Leading Signaller Edward Whittaker, Leading Stoker Walter Baugh; Stoker, First Class, George Cavthra.

"The personnel of H.M.S. Salmon have also received the following immediate promotions and advancements: Lieut. Commander Bickford a promotion to commander; Petty Officer Taylor advancement to chief petty officer; Petty Officer Worsfold advancement to chief engineroom artificer; Petty Officer Telegraphist Barron, two years' seniority; Chief Electrical Artificer Lushmore advancement to chief electrical artificer, first class."

The Daily Express said today that promotion of Lieut. Commander Bickford to the rank of commander is the "most sensational ever made."

Commander Bickford goes from the extreme tail of the list of Lieutenant-Commanders right over the heads of 800 other officers and gets his "brass hat" before his 30th birthday, the newspaper said.

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CRIPPLED BOY'S CHAIR
To the Editor:—I wish to state I have received altogether the sum of \$19 toward getting a decent chair for the Metcalf boy.

I would be very thankful if others in Victoria would also subscribe to this worthy cause, for in the cold wind and rain this boy has very little protection. The chair he has is about on its last legs, or rather wheels. Thank you.

A. R. NEX.
660 Montreal Street.

BELIEVERS IN FREEDOM
To the Editor:—I deeply regret that Mr. Bellis assumes that my question indicated animosity to Catholicism. As during, and ever since my school days, a considerable proportion of my friends have been Catholics—two of them among my most intimate friends—and as I have never had any dispute with any of them on religious questions, and as I believe in absolute freedom of conscience in religious matters, and in equal rights for all churches and sects, he will see that he was mistaken.

In political questions, however, I consider I have a right to criticize the Catholic or any other church. For instance, I am as strongly opposed to the legislative power exercised by the Anglican Church, by virtue of its representation in the House of Lords, as I am to the political influence exercised by the Catholic Church by less obvious means.

Remembering the difference between the government's action regarding Social Credit legislation in Alberta, and its inaction with respect to the "Padlock Act" in Quebec, and Norman MacLeod's statements regarding the hierarchy in the "Holy War" question during Quebec's provincial election, clerical influence in political matters is at least to be strongly suspected.

It is evident that Miss Cox does not fully understand the real purpose of a public library, which is to satisfy all the interests of

the community, and fiction is only one and not the most important interest.

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